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‘Not 100 Percent’

Editor:

In your article, as in conversation, I have had with friends and acquaintances was the practice of medical staff working really long hours (“Fatigue, Fear and Frustration,” Dec. 17). I know how well my mind and body work after eight hours and it’s not 100 percent. Now, none of the nurses I have spoken to have ever had any criticism of their schedules. Most cited the great time off they have in between schedules. But I’m curious if someone can explain to me why it is ideal to work medical staff 12 to 14 hours at a time? It seems to me I wouldn’t want to need emergency medical care where my life depended on quick thinking and perhaps careful and meticulous procedures provided by someone working their 11th (or later) hour on the job.

Mike Stengl, Eureka

‘A Bucket of Cold Water’

Editor:

I was shopping for See’s candy last week at a local store. I made my selections, paid and the woman wished me Merry Christmas. “I like saying, ‘Happy Holidays,’” I responded. “It’s more inclusive. My best friend is Jewish.”

“I guess we’ll go our separate ways,” she said. “I’ll stick with ‘Merry Christmas’ and you can stick with ‘Happy Holidays.’ I’m kind of a traditionalist.” I felt like I had been hit with a bucket of cold water. What if I were Jewish or Muslim?

Is there something traditional about not recognizing the diversity of people here? Well, maybe so. The world I grew up in 60 years ago was all white (or pretended to be), all protestant, all heterosexual. That world was run by rich white men.

Do we want to live in a world in which we honor our diversity and all religions, races, ethnicities and sexual orientations? Or do we want to live in a world run by rich hetero white men — and everyone else is not OK?

Let’s think about what our words truly mean.

Wanda Naylor, Eureka

‘Club Med’

Editor:

Humboldt State University students are more than capable of managing and operating many of the campus services formerly provided by the University Center without this corporation’s multi-million-dollar

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Terry Torgerson

bureaucracy. (“HSU Ends Agreement with University Center,” Dec. 21).

Returning institutional knowledge to HSU is important, however, student leadership can begin reversing decades of corporate policies contravening California’s Education Code. For example, the University Center claims its employees can be fired “at-will” while Education Code Section 89900c guarantees employees’ due-process rights (reducing corruption by reducing fear at work).

To increase enrollment, HSU invested \$300 million expanding sports and leisure venues, elite locked-gate housing, a grocery store and library lattes, adding to the University Center’s empire, providing international entertainers, ski-junkets to Bend, Oregon, and numerous off-campus ventures that circumvent the Education Code’s restrictions to serve only “essential university operations.”

HSU’s equivalent of “Club Med” not only attracted hundreds of wealthier students and community participants, it requires them, greatly magnifying every recession’s impacts, just as our privatized healthcare system is designed to best-serve its wealthiest patients, bankrupting average families and producing the world’s highest number of epidemic fatalities.

As HSU expanded its “resort,” numerous classes and entire degrees were eliminated; experienced professors were early-retired; classrooms became overcrowded; card-locks and “blue-light”

emergency stations poorly substituted for nighttime janitorial staff that HSU terminated (long before the 2008 economic collapse and COVID-19).

Whether it’s public education, healthcare, prisons, the military, pharmaceuticals, immigration, energy or the public airwaves, privatization has been disastrous, adding layers of legal hurdles in holding government accountable for incompetence, inefficiency or corruption.

A worldwide epidemic requiring many years of economic recovery should dissolve decades of excuses denying students the opportunity and necessity of operating and managing campus services to develop the skills, confidence and experience needed to cope with unpredictable future challenges.

George Clark, Eureka

Write a Letter!

Please make your letter no more than 300 words and include your full name, place of residence and phone number (we won’t print your number). Send it to letters@north-coastjournal.com. The deadline to have a letter considered for the upcoming edition is 10 a.m. Monday.

Happy New Year

New years come and go
We creatures of habit mark them,
Celebrate the end of the old
And beginning of the new

Reminisce with grins and grimaces
At what has passed
And look to the next day to usher in
A new life with the new dawn.

But what it ushers in
Is just the next day,
followed by another,
And prologue is past.

Fate may be in the works.
Destiny may shadow our minds
But we determine our direction,
Desire guides our determination.

Our plots are not from Verdi and Puccini
The scenes are not drawn on January 1.
The songs in our hearts
Are born as we breathe.

January 2 follows January 1
February follows January
Spring follows winter
And summer follows spring.

The magic of our new year
Does not spring from the calendar
But from the desire that grows
Out of our continual nurturing.

And here we are
One year later
In the same country
In the same time zone

But still apart
While being together
Our love is strong
Our togetherness survives

Apart yet we are close
The miles are shorter
And the hearts do not touch
But warmth reaches us, encloses us.

You are my love
You were not on New Year’s Eve last
You will be on New Year’s Eve next
This I believe, because we will want it.
Happy New Year, My love.

— Dave Rosso

CELEBRATING LOCAL HISTORY

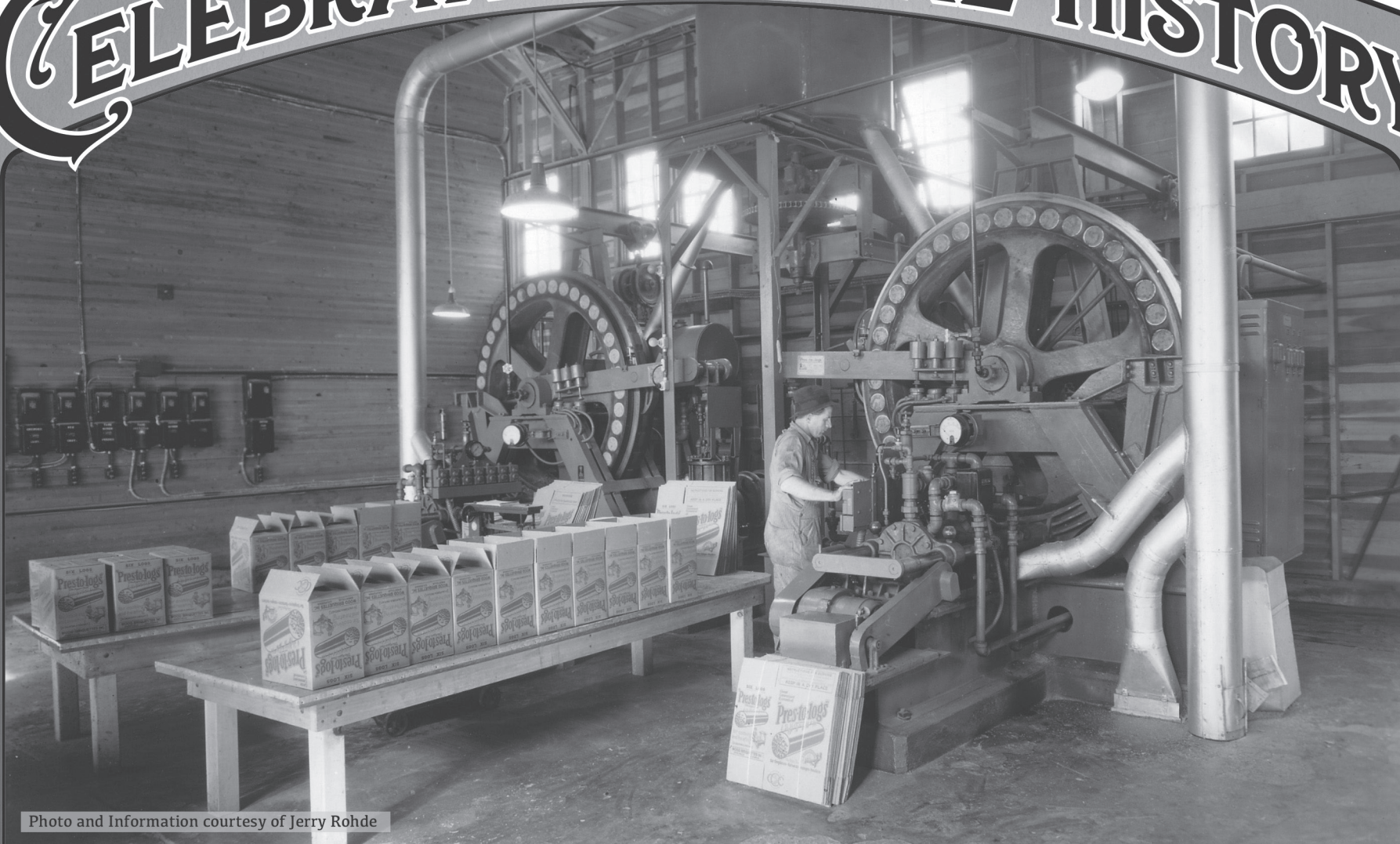


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Pres-to-Log Manufacturing - Scotia, 1949

Lumber mills create sawdust, and for years no one knew what to do with it. Then, in the 1930s, the Potlatch Corporation in Idaho began to press the sawdust into short, perfectly symmetrical rolls that they called Pres-to-Logs, which could be used as a substitute for firewood. Other timber companies picked up on the idea and by the late 1940s The Pacific Lumber Company had four Pres-to-Log machines in operation. When the finished “logs” exited the circular pressing machine, workers would pick up each individual log and place it in a heavy cardboard carton. If a husband called his wife to tell her he was picking up a “six-pack” after work, he may have meant a half-dozen Pres-to-Logs rather than bottles of beer. The artificial logs proved so popular that they were soon being produced in such diverse places as Africa, Peru, and Yugoslavia. Serbians could then heat their houses as quickly as saying “npecto!” (presto).

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Mixed Messages

State eases Humboldt restrictions
as case surge continues

By Thadeus Greenson

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As this issue went to press and December and 2020 drew to a close, it seemed clear the COVID-19 case surge officials have long warned of is upon us. The only question remaining is how much worse it will get.

Fueled by what officials described as a perfect storm of pandemic fatigue, holiday get-togethers and the onset of cold weather pushing ill-advised social gatherings indoors, December saw cases spike dramatically on the North Coast, with hospitalizations and deaths following. As the *Journal* went to press, the month had already accounted for 47 percent of 1,678 cases confirmed to date throughout the pandemic's first 10 months, as well as 55 percent of COVID-related deaths and 27 percent of hospitalizations. The month also saw the county's test-positivity rate — which sits at 3 percent for the duration of the pandemic — more than double to 7 percent. And officials remained braced for the spike to worsen in the weeks after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Despite escalating case counts, the state on Dec. 29 moved Humboldt County from its most restrictive purple “wide-spread” risk tier to the “red” substantial risk level, loosening restrictions in some sectors. Specifically, the county's new red tier designation will allow movie theaters, places of worship, gyms and restaurants to re-open limited indoor operations. But it's unclear exactly why Humboldt County's status was reduced. The state depends mostly on two metrics — test-positivity rates and the average number of new cases confirmed daily over the span of a week per 100,000 in population — and had previously held that if those metrics were split between the state's tiers, a county would be placed in the more restrictive one. In Humboldt's case, a test-positivity rate of 4 percent would put the county in the state's orange “moderate” risk tier, while an adjusted average daily case rate of 14 per 100,000 residents would put it in the purple tier.

In a press release, the county's Joint Information Center said the state's deci-

sion came as a “surprise” and later Dec. 29, as the *Journal* went to press, the county issued another press release noting county officials' “concerns” with the tier reassignment.

“In many ways, the data doesn't support this decision,” Humboldt County Public Health Officer Ian Hoffman said in the release. “Our case rates are the highest they've ever been and our contact investigation teams are tracking more cases, not fewer. It's unfortunate that we didn't get to have a conversation with the state before this decision was handed down.”

Earlier in the day, during a media availability, Hoffman also urged local residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 to abide by the full 10-day isolation period. He said the Joint Information Center has received reports that some residents have been trying to get re-tested before the period is up, potentially needlessly exposing others to infection.

“There is nothing you can do to change that 10-day isolation period,” Hoffman said. “If you're in isolation — if you had a COVID-19 positive test — you need to stay home away from everyone else for those 10 days. Please don't get re-tested. Please stay home.”

Humboldt County, meanwhile, remained one of only 11 California counties not yet under a state stay-at-home order that will be triggered when regional cumulative available hospital intensive care unit capacity dips below 15 percent. According to a state database, the Northern California region had a cumulative available ICU capacity of 27.9 percent as of Dec. 29, though regional health officials have warned the situation is precarious, as the entire region has only about 120 ICU beds and could quickly become overwhelmed should cases spike further.

Statewide, conditions also steadily worsened, despite Gov. Gavin Newsom's implementation of new restrictions for 98 percent of the state's population earlier in the month. As of Dec. 29, the state was reporting 0 percent cumulative ICU capacity throughout California, though that number is clearly imprecise, since (as

reported above) the state is also reporting 27.9 percent ICU capacity in Northern California and more than 1,300 beds are available statewide.

According to a report in the *San Jose Mercury News*, that's because the state adjusts “ICU capacity” based on a number of metrics, including the percentage of COVID-19 patients in a particular ICU.

“If a region is utilizing more than 30 percent of its ICU beds for COVID-19 positive patients, then its available ICU capacity is adjusted downward by 0.5 percent for each 1 percent over the 30 percent threshold,” the California Department of Public Health said in a statement to the newspaper.

Healthcare providers in some regions, meanwhile, have said they don't feel like the state's formula accurately reflects the availability of staffed ICU beds, while providers at St. Joseph Hospital told the *Journal* earlier this month that the hospital's emergency room was seeing more critically ill non-COVID patients than ever before due to deferred care and other factors.

Statewide, more than 20,300 COVID-19 patients were hospitalized as of Dec. 29, with more than 4,300 in intensive care and both figures representing more than 40-percent increases from a week earlier. The daily statewide total of COVID-19 hospitalization set a record Dec. 27 for the 30th consecutive day, according to the *Los Angeles Times*' reporting, with 19,766 people hospitalized with the virus in the state. As the *Journal* went to press, the state was on track to record nearly 25,000 COVID-19 deaths this week.

In Los Angeles County, providers are already triaging care and turning patients away. The *Los Angeles Times* reported Dec. 29 that Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center shut its doors to ambulance traffic for 12 hours Dec. 27 and had at least 30 patients in need of intensive care without a single bed available. Other area hospitals were struggling to keep enough oxygen and supplies on hand to meet demand, while others were placing patients in conference rooms and gift shops, the



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paper reported. “It’s a crisis — there’s no doubt about it,” Memorial Hospital CEO Kevan Metcalfe told the *Times*. “And they just keep coming.”

Cases continue to surge nationally, as well. The Centers for Disease Control reported that 176,974 new cases were confirmed Dec. 29, bringing the national tally to 19.2 million, which included 334,029 deaths. And while the rollout of vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna this month have offered a glimmer of hope amid the pandemic, it was reported this week that the United States will fall far short of its goal of vaccinating 20 million people by Jan. 1. Humboldt County, Hoffman said, had received approximately 5,500 vaccine doses as of Dec. 29, which were being administered to healthcare providers in high-risk situations and skilled nursing residents. He said he doesn’t expect vaccines to begin to become available to people in the state’s next vaccination tier — potentially including first responders, teachers, grocery store workers and others in “essential” jobs — until late January or early February.

While an outbreak at Eureka’s Granada Rehabilitation and Wellness skilled nursing facility is responsible for all of the 11 deaths recorded in December, as well as a total of 98 confirmed cases in residents and staff since Nov. 25, local officials have repeatedly cautioned that it has only been a small factor in Humboldt County’s escalating case counts, which they attribute largely to people gathering and traveling over the Thanksgiving holiday.

In a potentially ominous sign, the Transport Security Administration reported this week that it screened almost 1.3 million passengers at airports throughout the

country Dec. 27 — the most on any single day since March 16.

Just days before Christmas, Public Health Director Michele Stephens released a plea to local residents not repeat the mistakes made over the Thanksgiving holiday.

“I wanted to reach out to everyone today to highlight the significant and extraordinary amount of cases that we’re getting lately, in the last several weeks,” she said. “They are not Granada driven. We think that the Thanksgiving holiday is really what we’re starting to see in the rise in positive cases and, with the Christmas holiday this week, we really want to implore everyone to not gather with loved ones that are outside of your household and be safe.

“As hard as it is, and as hard of a decision as it is to keep your household only, it’s something we all need to do,” she continued. “I have a 7-year-old who’s doing distance learning. He misses his family, he misses his friends and he has a mom that’s working a lot. But we all need to do our part as community members and I implore you: The worst present we can give to your family members right now is COVID-19. So please don’t gather for the Christmas holiday and be safe.”

How many local residents heeded the pleas of Stephens and other health officials seems likely to determine what local restrictions and hospital capacities look like in the weeks and months to come.

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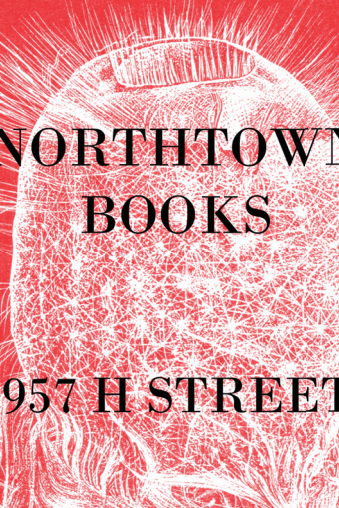
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County: AG's Push for More CWS Monitoring a 'Waste of Taxpayer Money'

Nearly two years after the California Attorney General's Office, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Sheriff's Office reached an agreement regarding an AG investigation into local adherence to the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced Dec. 23 he would be seeking a court order requiring the county to "fully comply."

The AG is asking to "extend the judgment's corrective measures and monitoring of the county for an additional two years," according to a news release, which states the county has made "varying levels of progress" in the handling of child abuse and child neglect reports but the DOJ remains concerned about the Child Welfare Services Division's implementation of a set of corrective measures.

County officials said in a statement to the *Journal* that they were aware of the AG's intended actions, saying DHHS had "already offered to stipulate to an additional one-year monitoring period in which we would report directly to the Attorney General's Office, with continued oversight by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)."

The statement also describes the actions Becerra is requesting as "the state's desire to waste taxpayer money on unnecessary consultants and monitors," stating that "the current dispute between the parties does not involve any current or existing violations of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA)."

"The investigation happened in 2015,

and since 2018, when the Attorney General's judgement was filed, we have increased staffing by 30 percent and have implemented numerous program strategies to assist staff to do the work necessary in our community," Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Director Connie Beck said in the statement. "We've made tremendous strides and stand behind our staff, and we will continue to do the good work that we are doing in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office and work in partnership with our community, law enforcement and tribes to keep children safe."

According to the county, more than \$1.5 million has been paid to third party monitors and consultants since the 2018 stipulated judgement and "the issues which gave rise to the Attorney General's intervention have already been corrected."

"The Sheriff's Office and CWS work closely to protect county children which is our top priority," Sheriff William Honsal said in the statement. "Through our refined systems and protocols, we have continued to ensure that mandated reports of child abuse and neglect are quickly investigated and that children are protected."

The AG investigation dates back to 2015, and in 2016 the state subpoenaed a vast number of records from the county, including documentation of every report of child abuse or neglect received between 2011 and 2015.

The AG's Office release states the initial investigation found "Humboldt County authorities had not been complying with their legal duties to respond to reports



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It's a Calf!



The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office introduced one of the new additions at its SWAP farm via Facebook this week, asking for suggestions on what to name the little one. *Humboldt County Sheriff's Office*

of child abuse and neglect, resulting in reports falling through the cracks and an inadequate assessment of child safety risk."

It also states the AG found CWS "was not collaborating with local tribes as required by law."

"There's no room for half-measures when it comes to protecting our children against potential abuse or neglect," Becerra said in the announcement. "Our local child welfare and law enforcement agencies must respond quickly, effectively, and appropriately. If they come up short, we have to be clear-eyed about the path forward and we owe it to the children of California to act decisively to get it fixed. Our filing is about doing just that for the children of Humboldt County. At the California Department of Justice, we'll keep standing up for our state's child safety laws and doing what we can to ensure those on

the ground have the right tools to protect vulnerable children."

— Kimberly Wear

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Digitally Speaking

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The amount in millions that Ferndale's own Guy Fieri has helped the National

Restaurant Association raise in cash for hospitality workers who've lost hours or jobs due to COVID-19. According to the effort's website, the aid has been distributed to roughly 43,000 workers in the form of one-time \$500 grants. POSTED 12.26.20

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Crash Victim Identified: The California Highway Patrol reported that the 72-year-old Eureka man killed in a Dec. 20 crash on State Route 36 has been identified as Paul Pennington. POSTED 12.23.20

Christmas Storm: Humboldt County recorded its first heavy rainfall of the year on Christmas Day, when a storm brought precipitation of up to 4 inches in some places, and more is forecast this week. POSTED 12.27.20

Fortuna Man Killed in Crash: The Humboldt County Coroner's Office has identified the pedestrian killed on U.S. Highway 101 on Dec. 18 as Derek Radcliffe, 40, of Fortuna. POSTED 12.23.20

They Said It

"The issue is that people are dying on Broadway with disturbing regularity, and I don't want to talk about any project that's going to take 20 years — or maybe never get built — until after we've exhausted all the options for improving safety now."

— Colin Fiske, director of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities, on Caltrans' ambitious \$155 million project to reshape Broadway in Eureka to make it safer and more aesthetically pleasing. Read the full story at www.northcoastjournal.com. POSTED 12.28.20

Comment of the Week

"Just fucking end 2020. Longest moon? We've had enough."

— Philly Vegas on the Journal's Facebook page with a surprisingly bitter response to a post about December's "Cold Full Moon," the last full moon of the year that makes an extended appearance due to its arrival so close to the Winter Solstice. POSTED 12.28.20

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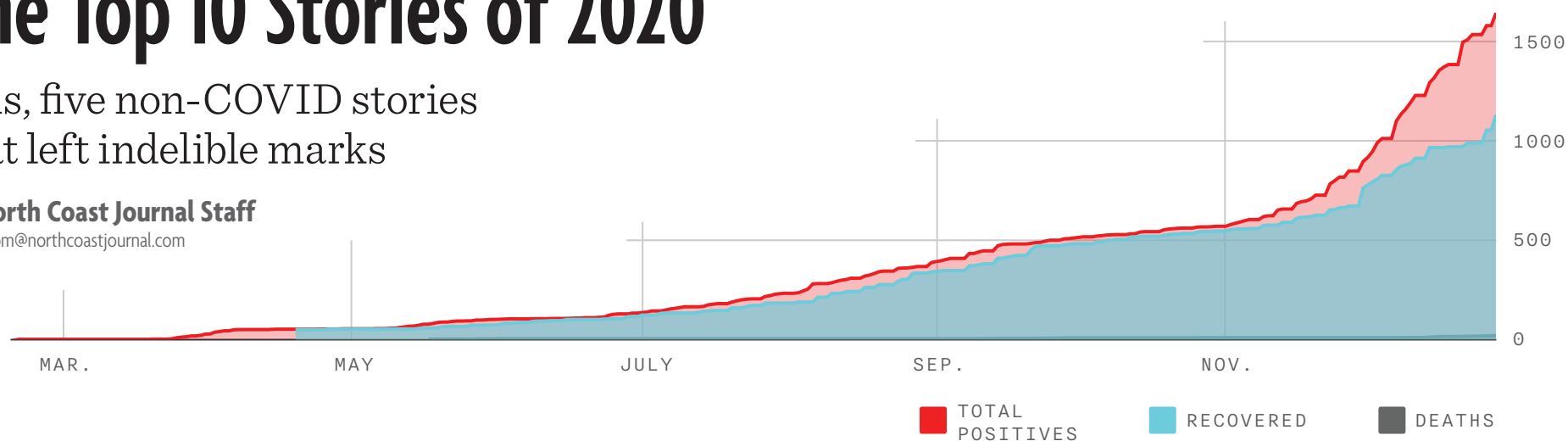
The Top 10 Stories of 2020

Plus, five non-COVID stories that left indelible marks

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CUMULATIVE COVID-19 CASES, RECOVERIES AND DEATHS IN HUMBOLDT



As the *Journal's* editorial staff gathered (virtually) for the annual ritual of deciding the year's top 10 stories — the most impactful and memorable things that happened on the North Coast — it was inescapable: The stench of COVID-19 was everywhere. From shuttered schools, closed businesses and laid-off workers to local government's frantic planning efforts, death and illness — COVID-19 was the top 10 stories in Humboldt County. Every. Single. One.

But that was a depressing realization we couldn't entirely square with. After all, there were other monumental stories in 2020 that will forever change Humboldt — from huge forest fires and an institution in crisis to the fight for racial justice and the decades-long effort to restore a river's health. Omitting those, we felt, was letting the pandemic win. So we opted to give COVID-19 the space and prominence it deserves, while offering readers five additional stories that any time other than 2020 would be considered the most important stories of the year.

Thadeus Greenson

First Case of COVID

It was Feb. 16 when two people who had recently traveled to China contacted St. Joseph Hospital's emergency room to say they were experiencing flu-like symptoms. Back then, COVID-19 was still thought of by many as a virus far away. But a test would soon confirm the news no one had quite expected to hear: COVID-19 had landed in Humboldt County.

On that day, according to the *New York*

Times, Humboldt became the first rural county in the United States to confirm a case, just the 13th detected in the nation.

Within a month, Humboldt County was under a local shelter-in-place order. While the region would fare far better than its Bay Area and Southern California counterparts for much of 2020 when it came to COVID case counts, Humboldt joined most of the state in the purple, or "wide-spread" risk, tier by the end of November, where it remains to this day.

Kimberly Wear

Shelter in Place

It was arguably the single most impactful decision by a local official in generations and it came just 49 days into Teresa Frankovich's tenure as Humboldt County's health officer. The sweeping shelter-in-place order, which came before state-wide action, directed Humboldt County residents to shelter in their homes unless leaving on essential outings — like grocery shopping, going to the pharmacy or working an "essential job."

It shuttered schools and businesses in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Humboldt County, while allowing local officials and healthcare providers time to plan and prepare. The order left Humboldt County's streets and neighborhood centers largely vacant as residents confronted the realities of life in a pandemic. It was the moment when COVID-19 began to impact Humboldt County in deep, irreversible ways, sending unemployment claims skyrocketing and disrupting the educations of local school children, while also allowing the county to build the vital infrastructure it would need to confront

COVID-19 moving forward.

The order would ultimately remain in effect for the better part of two months, until officials unveiled a phased plan that would allow "nonessential" local businesses to re-open after having operational safety plans approved by the county.

Thadeus Greenson

COVID Infrastructure

Humboldt County Public Health Officer Teresa Frankovich declared a public health emergency on March 11, soon after, as cases in the state and nation continued to climb, Frankovich authorized a shelter-in-place order requiring that all residents stay home except for "essential activities," suspending all sports events and practice, large gatherings and events throughout the county. Sheriff William Honsal declared a local emergency, putting the Office of Emergency Services in charge of directing a countywide, multi-agency response to the COVID-19 pandemic and paving the way for state and federal disaster reimbursements.

Then, county officials worked quickly to prepare for a surge in COVID-19 cases. They quickly expanded Public Health's team of contact tracing investigators to 30, erected a 100-bed alternative care site and a testing facility in partnership with the state at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, and expand the availability of personal protective equipment locally. Local hospitals, meanwhile, planned to create surge capacity, ordering new ventilators, renting others and planning to convert operating rooms into intensive care units. The Humboldt County Public Health Laboratory, meanwhile, grew its testing capacity

10-fold in a matter of months, as officials also entered into a partnership with United Indian Health Services, the county of Del Norte, Humboldt State University and the state of California to open a new COVID-19 testing laboratory that is projected to more than double local testing capacity when it's up and running.

Looking back at 2020, local government — often criticized for moving at a snail's pace — will be remembered for doing a lot of heavy lifting on a very tight timeline with incredibly high stakes.

Iridian Casarez

HSU Brings Back Students

As summer was drawing to an end, news came that Humboldt State University was readying to bring some 800 students back to live on campus.

It was a decision met with apprehension by health officials, email exchanges between then Health Officer Teresa Frankovich and HSU President Tom Jackson Jr. show, with Frankovich raising a bevy of concerns about even a limited reopening of campus, as Humboldt was seeing a surge in local cases and testing capacity was limited.

Jackson would go on to question her reasoning in the exchange, calling it "perplexing," and saying the plans would go forward unless Frankovich intended to use her authority to "obstruct" the university.

In the end, the students did return and, according to the latest stats posted by HSU dated Nov. 18, at least 43 students tested by the campus health center were positive for the virus, but those numbers

do not include results from private labs.

Earlier this month, the California State University system, of which HSU is a part, announced it aims to return to primarily in-person classes by the fall of 2021.

Kimberly Wear

Humboldt's First COVID-19 Death

Her name was Ida Adelia Newell.

She was 97 years old, an avid reader with an easy smile, and became Humboldt County's first COVID-19 death on May 17 after a COVID-19 outbreak hit the Alder Bay Assisted Living facility where she lived. But her family didn't want her to be known as a grim statistic, so they recounted her adventures. And she lived a life filled with many, traveling to far away places but always returning to her beloved home, Humboldt County.

She lived with a smile, a laugh and an ever present curiosity, and she lived Humboldt's history, from her family's bootlegging business and United Service Organization dances to the Redwood Coast Dixieland Jazz Festival and, ultimately, the COVID-19 pandemic. But the most remarkable thing about Ida's life was how she managed to form deep, lasting friendships, some of which spanned decades. Those who knew her will remember her as a once-in-a-generation personality, a kind, outgoing soul who loved to make connections with others, to share stories and adventures.

Iridian Casarez

Frankovich Resigns

The news came seemingly out of the blue at the beginning of September. Then-County Health Officer Teresa Frankovich, who assiduously led Humboldt's response to the COVID-19 pandemic with an aura of calm despite being on the receiving end of sometimes caustic comments at public meetings and on social media, was stepping down from the post.

At the time, Frankovich made clear that her "difficult decision" was not due to the bullies but the need to keep promises made to her family.

Even though her tenure was short, Frankovich — who thought she was taking on a part-time post last January only to find herself amid a worldwide pandemic weeks later — cast a lasting impression on the region she still serves in a supporting rather than leading role. Along with her team, Frankovich not only positioned Humboldt to face the growing COVID crisis but also helped keep the virus somewhat at bay in the initial months with decisive actions —

including shutting down Humboldt early on, despite grumblings in some sectors — before the same surge now blanketing the state and nation made its way to the North Coast as winter and the holidays arrived.

Kimberly Wear

Nursing Home Outbreaks

As has been throughout the country, when COVID-19 found its way into local nursing homes, the consequences were devastating. Health officials have warned that despite the best efforts of residents and staff, the rapid spread of COVID-19 in the larger community makes it harder to keep the disease out of long-term care facilities, whose residents are most vulnerable to suffering critical outcomes from the disease.

In Humboldt County, the first such outbreak was at Alder Bay Assisted Living in Eureka in May, with five staff members and seven residents testing positive for the virus, and four residents dying of the disease in what would be recorded as the county's first COVID-19 deaths. The second outbreak came at Granada Rehab and Wellness Center as county caseloads spiked in December, with 100 residents and staff having tested positive for COVID-19. The outbreak continued to take its toll as this issue of the *Journal* went to press, with Public Health announcing Dec. 26 that an eighth Granada resident who'd tested positive for the disease had died, marking the county's 18th COVID-related death.

Iridian Casarez

Disproportionate Impacts

When Humboldt County Public Health began offering demographic statistics for its positive COVID-19 cases on the county dashboard, it revealed the pandemic was not effecting everyone equally. The largest disparities were in the county's Latinx population. Following a national trend, in July, 22 percent of locally confirmed COVID-19 cases had been found in Latinx and Hispanic community members, who make up 12.2 percent of the local population. The disparity has only grown since and, with Latinx people making up 31.5 percent of Humboldt County's confirmed COVID-19 cases as of December.

Caterina Kein of St. Joseph's Health's Paso a Paso program, which offers Spanish services to community members, said that

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housing stability, economic health and access to care are all variables that make people more vulnerable to contracting COVID-19. Latinx and Hispanic households in the county are more likely to live below the poverty line, half as likely to own a single-family home and, according to the American Community Survey, Hispanic and Latinx workers disproportionately fill the types of service sector jobs that can lead to more COVID-19 exposure and were hardest hit by initial layoffs at the beginning of the shelter in place order.

Iridian Casarez

Economic Carnage

It's hard to overstate the economic impact COVID-19 has had on Humboldt County's economy. Food pantries have been overwhelmed as people lined up by the hundreds for distanced drive-through food box distributions. Residents applied for unemployment benefits by the thousands in unprecedented numbers. And small businesses — especially restaurants — have been hit hard, with handfals closing permanently, including some institutions, like Mazzotti's on the Plaza and Old Town's Café Nooner.

Even healthcare providers were forced to furlough workers and make other cuts after being forced to cancel or postpone many elective procedures and services, and nonessential in-patient visits.

Local governments also weren't spared the economic pain, with cities from Fortuna to Arcata forced to make budget reductions in the face declining sales tax revenues.

Thadeus Greenson

The Surge

For months and months, local health officials warned of a looming surge in COVID-19 cases that threatened to poten-

tially overwhelm local healthcare systems. Then, in December, it arrived.

When a then record-setting November came to a close, Humboldt County had confirmed 898 COVID-19 cases through the course of the pandemic, including 327 that month. Cases then began to spike dramatically, and by the time this issue of the *Journal* went to press Dec. 29, the county had already confirmed 781 new cases — 47 percent of the county's cumulative total. Additionally, Humboldt County saw 27 percent of its COVID-related hospitalizations and 55 percent of its deaths confirmed in December.

Health officials have attributed the steep spike to a perfect storm of pandemic fatigue, holiday travel and get-togethers, and the onset of cold weather, which all too often forced ill-advised social gatherings indoors. But just how far the spike will extend — and its full impact on local health systems — remains to be seen as 2020 draws to a close, as the county is still only now beginning to feel the full impact of Thanksgiving travel and gatherings. Local healthcare workers, meanwhile, report that the emergency room at the county's largest hospital — St. Joseph — is already overwhelmed with more critically ill patients than providers have ever seen.

Projections — which hold that about 12 percent of COVID-19 patients will require hospitalization within two weeks of their diagnosis — indicate the first weeks of 2021 will be hard. But just how hard will depend on how many North Coast residents listened to health officers' pleadings to wear masks and refrain from travel and social gatherings as 2020 drew to a close.

December did bring a glimmer of hope, however, with the local arrival of the first batches of a COVID-19 vaccine and more than 1,000 local healthcare workers scheduled to have received their first doses by New Year's Eve.

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The Ingomar Club takes on a foreboding look amid wildfire smoke on Sept. 9.

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Election Day 2020

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic and in the shadow of a divisive presidential race, Humboldt County residents cast their ballots on a host of local measures — including several tax hikes to bolster hard-hit government coffers and the approval of ranked-choice voting in Eureka — as well as for their candidates of choice to represent them on the local level.

The results saw a number of new faces stepping up to the dais, in some cases besting familiar names, including the Second District supervisorial race, which saw rancher Michelle Bushnell take the seat from two-term incumbent Estelle Fennell in a tight race that wasn't called until weeks after Election Day.

With all the ballots counted, 69,932

Humboldt County residents voted in this year's election, 82 percent of those registered and 68 percent of those eligible.

Kimberly Wear

Firestorm 2020

Humboldt County residents awoke Sept. 9 to the apocalyptic glow of an eerie orange sky created by heavy haze in the air from surrounding wildfires, some of which had already been burning for weeks. For weeks, residents across wide swaths of the region would face choking smoke, a series of evacuation warnings or orders, fear and unease, with hundreds losing their homes amid the worst fire season in California history.

Only when the North Coast's fall rains fell were the region's three major fires — the Slater-Devil Fire, the Red Salmon Fire

and the August Complex, the largest in California's history at more than 1 million acres — finally quelled, despite the heroic efforts of legions of firefighters who were stretched thin by the sheer magnitude of the firestorms up and down the state.

Kimberly Wear

HSU Budget Crunch

There was no question that at the beginning of the spring semester, Humboldt State University's enrollment was hurting with only 6,763 students signed up — about 1,000 fewer than last year. The lower enrollment severely impacted the school's budget (which was already running a deficit) as each student is a revenue stream, paying tuition and fees. At the time, the University Resource and Planning Committee (URPC) proposed the university

cut the budget by \$5 million over the next two years due to a structural deficit created by the enrollment declines. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit, pushing the projected gap to a \$20 million deficit over the next two years. In March, the university began refocusing its recruitment efforts on local students by offering the Humboldt First Scholarship and was making some strides, with 700 local seniors offered the scholarship.

Toward the beginning of the 2020 fall semester, HSU reported that enrollment had been showing positive signs, with incoming transfer student numbers at the highest they had been since 2017, leaving some hope for bridging at least a portion of that \$20-million deficit.

Iridian Casarez

New Deal to Remove Klamath Dams

When a group of stakeholders announced in November that, once again, a hard-fought accord to remove four hydroelectric dams choking the lower Klamath River had been resuscitated, it was a rare ray of positive news in 2020.

The agreement, which was more than a decade in the making and would result in one of the largest dam removal efforts in the world and the largest river restoration project in U.S. history, was revived after stakeholders — including the states of California and Oregon, and the Karuk and Yurok tribes — were able to coax the dam's owner, Berkshire Hathaway-owned PacifiCorp Power — back into the agreement after a federal agency's ruling in July left the company threatening to walk away. A months-long pressure campaign from stakeholders and activists ensued, urging the company to follow through

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with dam removal. The campaign proved successful and the final announcement came with a statement from Berkshire Hathaway Chair Warren Buffett, his first public comments in the decades-long effort to remove the dams and restore the Klamath, its salmon runs and the Native people whose culture, livelihoods and diets depend on them, to health.

The new accord, which saw Oregon, California and Berkshire Hathaway agree to split any cost overruns or liabilities associated with dam removal, is slated to see the dams removed and the lower Klamath River running unencumbered in 2023.

Thadeus Greenson

Black Lives Matter

For weeks in late May and June, the streets of Humboldt County — from Eureka to McKinleyville and Fortuna to Ferndale, and even Shelter Cove — filled with protesters loudly proclaiming that Black Lives Matter.

The string of protests — some spontaneous and others planned — came amid a national movement in the wake of the May 25 police killing of George Floyd in

Minnesota, when an officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for more than eight minutes while he lay prone and handcuffed, saying he couldn't breathe. Locally, the protests were largely peaceful, though there were isolated instances of vandalism and several reports of vehicles speeding dangerously through protests' paths, leaving a woman injured in Eureka.

Local law enforcement was generally supportive of the protests, with the sheriff and numerous police chiefs making statements of support and taking time to meet with activists and hear their concerns. In their aftermath, local police departments reviewed use of force policies — with several outlawing use of a neck restraint hold — and Arcata and Eureka created boards or committees aimed at bringing additional levels of transparency and community input to policing. Meanwhile, the protests and the national dialogue continued to push issues of racism and equity to the foreground, prompting a host of local institutions to rethink their policies and pasts.

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Top 10 Dick Moves of 2020

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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Oh, how I long for the days when our local countdown of the year's selfish and petty choices featured simpler things: a public official freaking out over a peace pole, some hunting tag fraud or a little plagiarism. While we've still got our share of small-scale jerk moments, once COVID-19 hit, some dick moves turned potentially deadly. It's notable, too, how many were not singular acts, but acts of mass schmuckery, synchronized like a dick-move wave traveling through a stadium. If you see yourself among the crowd of offenders, remember you can make different choices, redeem yourself through acts of non-dickness. Except for you, No. 3. I'll see you in hell.

10. When history looks back at our response to COVID-19, it will likely focus on our government, scientists, healthcare workers and essential workers, granting the toilet paper hoarders only a passing side-eye. But not me and not now. The self-fulfilling panic buying may have assuaged some scatological anxiety but it left the rest of us in the lurch despite there being no actual shortage of paper products. Stockpilers also revealed their everyone-for-themselves instincts in the face of adversity. Way to show your asses.

9. Conspiracy theories have their place, which is mid-week, late afternoon, at the end of a bar. Outside that, we're going to need some documented evidence. Wild tales and outright lies about COVID-19's origin (not a Bond villain's lab), treatment (please don't drink bleach) and profit potential (doctors aren't getting COVID rich and would actually prefer fewer sick people) aren't just infuriating, they're dangerous. And with a vaccine slowly coming through, it's disheartening to see the same self-destructive impulses playing out on local social media. And while you may feel like a free thinker among the sheeple, those who've lost loved ones to the virus

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see your post about the "media hoax" for what it is: a real dick move.

8. In November, someone rolled up to the United Congregational Christian Church and ripped its rainbow flag. A person that pressed about a church's honoring same-sex marriages and supporting LGBTQ+ members and clergy probably needs to look at why they're so bothered by people minding their own happy business. Like, what would it look like if you stopped obsessing over other people and just lived a life of self-acceptance? Anyway, the vandal made no dent in the resolve of the folks at the church, only committing a pointless dick move.

7. With our actual grown-ass president leaning into his racism by referring to COVID-19 as the "kung flu," it's not a huge surprise anti-Asian harassment and violence ratcheted up nationally and statewide this year. Humboldt had its share of nasty comments, unfounded suspicion, public shouting and taunts of "go back to China" — way to bring back the classics of xenophobic scapegoating by attacking Asian Americans' hygiene, food culture and right to be in this country at all. True what they say: Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat its dick moves.

6. Listen, small businesses are suffering enough. So why hassle retail and service workers already worn to unraveling by refusing to wear a mask or maintain social distance? You know what, don't answer that, Karen and Ken. Because we've all seen the viral videos and heard the accounts of these recurring tantrums on loop, like a dicky *Groundhog Day*. Nobody wants

to hear your low-information take on the Constitution or the human respiratory system. Wear your mask over your whole nose and mouth or stay home.

5. And then there are the businesses that flouted restrictions, Siren's Song Tavern perhaps the most outspoken, but certainly not the only one. Not only was hosting live performances against state and county rules dangerous, but it was also a real dick move to fellow restaurant, bar and business owners following guidelines. Places that didn't enforce masking and distance rules also made the rules murkier to the public and therefore harder for law-abiding businesses to enforce. Whether folks called the county's anonymous tip hotline, complained on social media or just seethed silently, recovery will be that much harder with grudges born of scofflaw dickery.

4. The term "Bridezilla" gets thrown around a lot, but now that a big, traditional wedding and reception can turn into a super-spreader event, the comparison to a city-leveling monster is truly apt. Couples (let's not leave out Groomzillas) who decided their big day was more important than the health and safety of their community took the cake and, in some cases, wound up sending COVID-19 off with the goodie bags, their guests infecting others who weren't even invited. Tie some cans to the car and write "Just pulled a dick move" in the window. Congratulations, too, to attendees who endangered themselves and others for the Chicken Dance and prime rib that was just OK.

3. In his September Washed Up column ("Raised by Otters," Sept. 17), Mike Kelly

dropped his first NCJ F-bomb (welcome to the family, kid) with good reason. Some garbage human had fatally shot an adult river otter in the head. Whoever you are, know that your dick move would repel any decent person who cares for you if they only knew and the echo of your stupid violence will follow you to the grave and into whatever special rabid otter-filled pit that hell sets aside for such dicks.

2. Recklessly gunning the engine in a street full of protestors is more than a dick move but it's not *not* a dick move. This is Humboldt — we brake and wait for elk, livestock, falling rocks, washed out roads and enormous downed trees. Those last three are genuinely scary, as opposed to unarmed Black Lives Matter protesters. If you feel the urge to hit the gas to intimidate or injure fellow humans or, in the case of an incident in McKinleyville, a horse, check your dashboard — that dick-shaped light is flashing red.

1. Well, selecting an entire year is a first, it's hardly an unpopular opinion: 2020 pulled every dick move it could fit into the calendar, with upheaval, disease, disasters and calamities galore. And while 2020 was often likened to one, a Dumpster fire — stuff you already threw out burning in a metal container with no loss of life — would be infinitely better. It's been dicktastic, 2020. Don't let the door hit you in the zero on your way out. ●

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Jinx Cake

A new tradition to start a new year

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We're a superstitious newsroom at the Journal. We knock wood in unison at the mention of any good news. Because digital editor Kimberly Wear once went through a massive electrical blackout at the Times-Standard years ago after uttering the phrase, "Hold down the ..." — you know what, we just don't say it and I'm not even going to type it.

A year like this one hasn't done much to assuage the creeping feeling that the Evil Eye is upon us, waiting for us to relax into foolish optimism before it throws another banana peel in our paths. It can make one hesitant about celebration. After the election, I saw joyful cakes all over my Instagram feed; to my superstitious mind, the shadow of a jinx hung over every one.

The world abounds with lucky foods to start the year, from black-eyed peas to grapes to pomegranates. Every New Year's Eve, my own family eats soba noodles after midnight for long life and to break (as buckwheat noodles break) from the old year. But this moment calls for a new approach, not so much for luck as to ward off bad luck. And so I invite you to join me in the new tradition I'm calling the jinx cake to commemorate our crossing from one objectively terrible year into another unpredictable one with cautious hope.

Toshogu Shrine in Nikko, Japan, has one upside down pillar, a purposeful imperfection to ward off evil spirits, jealous gods and the destruction that always seems to befall perfect things. That's the energy I'm looking for but in a cake.

It feels crazy to purposely screw up a cake, when all the measuring, weighing and timing of ingredients aim toward perfection. But maybe the way to wish ourselves well is to get the bad out of the way, to embrace inevitable mistakes and misfortunes with a spoonful of sugar, like the Jordan almonds eaten at Greek and Italian weddings to symbolize the sweetness and bitterness of life.

So I propose a simple cake with a few things thrown in as one might do for a King's Day cake or a Christmas pudding: a

bitter coffee bean or walnut, a sour fresh cranberry or 1-inch piece of lemon peel, and a small tea spoon or cocktail fork, the last being symbolic of general F-ups. And I propose the person who gets each of these items in their slice be granted an extra layer of resilience against — not immunity or freedom from, because that's just not possible — whatever bitterness, sourness and ridiculous human error may come.

If you are isolated due to the pandemic, you have full clearance to eat the entire thing and claim all prizes because that is hard as hell and you deserve extra cake for your vigilance in keeping us all safer.

You needn't bake the old 1-2-3-4 cake below (1 cup butter, 2 cups sugar, 3 cups flour and 4 eggs), though its lighter-than-pound-cake flavor and crumb offer some comforting predictability and there's plenty of batter in which to hide things. The ingredients are basic, it's easy to make and there's the option to customize it with pinches of cinnamon and nutmeg, some lemon zest or a little ground cardamom. But your go-to bundt or single-layer cake will do just as well.

As for the final glaze, you have myriad options to make it your own. Whip up a lemon, orange or pomegranate glaze with a couple tablespoons of juice mixed with a tablespoon of cream and 2 cups of powdered sugar. Melt 6 ounces of chocolate — chips or a fancy bar — with $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of cream in a saucepan over medium heat for a quick ganache to pour over once it cools to just warm. Spread on your aunt's recipe for cream cheese frosting, spike it with your favorite rum cake syrup, cover it in a blizzard of powdered sugar or decorate it with a bonus intentional misspelling — whatever you like.

If you try it, I'd like to hear (and see) how yours turns out and what personalized non-choking-hazard talismans or toppings you come up with. (Keep it in the realm of edible items or things you can't possibly miss — the English tradition of a thimble in a pudding always sounded to me like emergency dentistry waiting to happen.) However you make

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A spoon baked into your cake — you should be so lucky..

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your jinx cake, I knock wood it works and that we'll be sharing next year's in person with people we love. Until then, I'll be crossing my fingers for the spoon.

1-2-3-4 Jinx Cake

If you don't have buttermilk on hand, add a teaspoon of lemon juice to regular milk and let it sit 5 minutes or just use milk. But don't make a special trip to the store in a pandemic.

1 cup (two sticks) butter, room temperature

2 cups sugar

4 eggs

3 cups flour

1 tablespoon baking powder

1 teaspoon salt

1 cup buttermilk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract or Bourbon

1 coffee bean or walnut

1 raw cranberry or 1-inch piece of lemon peel

1 small metal spoon or fork

Grease and lightly flour a 12-cup bundt pan. Heat the oven to 350 F.

Using a mixer on high speed or a strong arm, wooden spoon and large bowl, beat one pat of butter at a time for a minute each until all of it is pale and fluffy. Add the sugar and beat until thoroughly creamed. Beat in the eggs one at a time at medium speed for about 30 seconds each.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Gently

combine 1/3 of this mixture into the sugar, butter and egg mixture, alternating with the buttermilk and vanilla or Bourbon in two parts. Scrape down the bowl and give it a couple more good stirs.

Pour the batter into the bundt pan and bang it on the counter a couple times to get the larger air bubbles out and, let's say, to shake off bad vibes. Now push your coffee bean, cranberry and spoon down into the center of the batter in random spots, smooth the batter over with a spatula and try to forget where you put everything.

Place the pan on the center rack of the oven and bake for 25 minutes before quickly rotating it and baking another 20 to 25 minutes, until it's golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. This is where I'd normally warn you not to make a racket in your kitchen so the cake doesn't fall, but even if it does, we'll just call that a little extra mojo.

Let the cake sit in the pan on a wire rack for about 10 minutes before flipping it over and removing the pan. Allow the cake to cool completely before adding glaze or powdered sugar. Cross your fingers and serve. I

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A thank you to all our employees!

In reflecting over the past year, and looking towards the next, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to work with such an amazing group of people. Difficult circumstances can sometimes serve to expose and exacerbate weakness in an organization and unravel team dynamics. Quite the opposite—throughout the pandemic, I have seen our Co-op team supporting each other, showing patience and kindness, and working together towards a common goal. We have managed not only to survive under these difficult circumstances, but to thrive despite them. We have prioritized the health and safety of our community and have earned a well-deserved reputation for superior safety standards and excellent customer service. Each of you has contributed meaningfully to our shared success, safety and welfare—and for that, I thank you.

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A Flâneur Wanders the Streets of Eureka

By Louisa Rogers

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The French word *flâneur* isn't a word you hear much around here. It originally meant a 19th century male who loitered, strolled and wandered around Paris. Although born 100 years later, Henry Miller, who meandered all over Paris in the 1930s, was one. After he left France, he wrote, "There are scarcely any streets in Paris I did not get to know." I fancy myself a flâneur, too, as I wander around Eureka, usually on foot but occasionally starting by bike or car.

One afternoon, I headed out for my stroll around town. I live in Old Town, so the boardwalk was the obvious choice. But nope, didn't feel like that. Instead I decided to meander up D Street toward the only green space in my neighborhood.

I survived crossing Fourth and Fifth streets, annoyed, once again, that the Eureka citizens back in the 1960s didn't vote for a bypass like Arcata and Fortuna. Before long, I was at the Annie B. Ryan House and Gardens, between E and F, 10th and 11th streets, nodding to two men seated at the picnic table, one with a long, gray beard.

"A lovely spot," I said.

"Every neighborhood should have one," he replied.

I paused to savor the sign I enjoy on the fence that divides the house from the garden:

*Let no one say
And say it to your shame
That all was beauty here
Until you came.*

I found "my" bench, where I admired the gold dome of the Eastern Orthodox Church to my north, and the veggies grown by volunteers to my south. This is my "sit spot," a regular place to observe nature, to which I return once or twice a week, noticing subtle changes. That day, it was how much the chard had grown.

Leaving the garden, I walked up F Street and over to G Street, wishing the Eureka streets had fun names, like the street my husband, Barry, and I lived on in Palo Alto: Margarita Avenue. Now *that's* a street name. It's an odd contrast, I mused, that

on one hand, Eureka has elaborate Rococo Victorian architecture, yet on the other hand, bare-bones street names and yards. On G Street, I passed my favorite tile garden with palm trees within, and then my friend Helen's former house. When she bought it, she planted flowers and shrubbery, dismayed that few houses on the street had any landscaping. I always like to check on how her flowers are doing. That day, pretty well.

A few residential streets in Eureka boast abundant trees and flowers, but many are so barren and minimal, they can't help but depress me. I notice, too, that on many streets no grassy strip exists between the curb and the sidewalk. In Palo Alto, on the strip outside our house, Barry and I placed a bench on which we painted the words, "Take a seat." The Orthodox Jews passing our home on the way to their Saturday morning service, on foot because driving was forbidden to them, used it often. Especially the moms, some pregnant or surrounded by a passel of kids.

Here, Barry and I have been part of Keep Eureka Beautiful, the volunteer group that plants trees in different parts of Eureka every year. Michele McKee-gan, who leads the tree-planting efforts, believes that Eureka old-timers have a distrust of trees. She told me her theory about why so many Eureka streets are treeless: Residents don't want more shade when there's little enough sun as it is on the North Coast. Plus, they don't want to water or otherwise maintain the tree. "But the newcomers, who are often younger — they're enthusiastic about trees," she says. "And enthusiastic about Eureka," she adds.

The absence of that green strip between the sidewalk and the curb is another reason few trees punctuate Eureka residential streets, and also why so many streets look wider than they are, though Barry, a "recovering civil-engineer," tells me that at 66 feet, they're the standard width



St. Innocent Orthodox Christian Church on Eureka's F Street.

Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

of American streets. The absence of trees is unfortunate, as they not only make streets look more inviting, they also slow traffic. In turn, this can encourage parents to let their kids ride their bikes and residents to walk more.

Wandering around Myrtle town one day, I noticed that the width of the streets made them look like avenues, especially the ones with painted dividing lines down the middle. It seemed odd; these weren't busy thoroughfares. Myrtle town streets also look wide because some lack sidewalks.

Not far from Myrtle town is one of only three narrow streets I've found in Eureka — County Lane. It's so narrow it's not even on the Eureka tourist map. The other two are Glatt Street, which in part borders Sequoia Park, and S. Hillsdale Street, a dead-end behind the main Hillsdale.

After checking Helen's flowers, I headed toward Old Town, catching a glimpse inside the gate of a pink house festooned with an arbor of overhanging leafy bushes and red flowers. What a treat! Then to the Morris Graves sculpture garden to appreciate Lynn Jones' wall-sized mural of redwoods, called "Reverence for Elders." I've been a big fan of Jones ever since I bought a print of one of her linotypes for my birthday a couple of years ago. From there it was just a few blocks to the Jefferson Community Center on B Street to admire Blake Reagan's cheerful, bright murals of clouds and a pink sunset.

And so it goes. Every walk either an affectionate reminder of a familiar spot or a little adventure — with my meandering thoughts always accompanying me. No, Eureka isn't Paris, but it has its own charming art, alleys, trees and streets. And I, as a flâneur, get to enjoy them all.

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Steelhead Anglers Dealing with Tough Conditions

By Kenny Priest

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Dave McGrouther, of Menlo Park, holds a 15-pound steelhead he caught and released Dec. 27 while fishing the Smith River with guide Mick Thomas of Lunker Fish Trips. He was using roe near Jedediah Smith State Park.

Photo courtesy of Lunker Fish Trips

From high water to low water, North Coast rivers are all feeling the effects of the yo-yo syndrome. We've had some good storms roll through the area, bringing with them some decent river rises. Unfortunately, dropping flows have been as abrupt as the rises. This recipe does not make for quality steelhead angling. Having storms closer together keeping water levels a little more consistent, along with some snow in the hills, would be ideal. But this is 2020 and Mother Nature is going down swinging. And it looks like more of the same on the horizon. Storms later this week will bring the river levels up but they'll descend just as quickly, making for a narrow window of opportunity.

The weather ahead

"We have two batches of rain headed our way," said Scott Carroll of Eureka's National Weather Service. "The first system is forecast to arrive Wednesday afternoon and stick around into Thursday. A more significant storm is set to arrive Friday night and will linger through the weekend, with the majority of the rain falling on Sunday. The Smith basin could see an inch on Sunday and we'll see slightly less here locally. Rainfall totals for both of these systems combined is roughly 3 inches in the Smith basin and up to 2 inches in Humboldt."

Mad River Steelhead Derby to start Jan. 1

The Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association's (NCGASA) second annual Mad River Steelhead Derby starts Jan. 1 and runs through March 31. Anglers must be signed up prior to Jan. 1 to be eligible to win cash and prizes. Only hatchery steelhead can be entered. The largest steelhead wins \$500, second place \$300 and third place \$150. A youth division

winner (16 and under) wins a \$150 tackle gift card. In

addition, anglers who submit a winning video of their catch in action get a \$100 gift card to Bucksport Sporting Goods. Anglers can sign up online at www.ncgasa.org or in person at RMI Outdoors and Bucksport. Part of the proceeds benefit the Mad River Steelhead Stewards volunteer angler's broodstock collection program that works in concert with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. For more information, visit www.madriversteelheaderby.com.

The Rivers:

Smith

The Smith dropped back into shape Sunday. Boat pressure was very light, and only a couple adult steelhead were landed. There continues to be no shortage of half-pounders. Should remain in fishable shape through the next two small storms.

Chetco/Elk/Sixes

The Chetco blew out over the weekend, reaching 9,000 cubic feet per second Saturday, but was down to 5,100 cfs Sunday night, reports Andy Martin of Wild Rivers Fishing. "It will be in prime shape this week before another big storm arrives to start the new year," said Martin. "Plunkers caught a few steelhead Sunday in the high water. Catch rates tend to accelerate in early January on the Chetco and often remain good through February."

According to Martin, the Elk and Sixes are kicking out a few late salmon. He said, "Guides reported catching salmon and steelhead on Sunday on the Elk, while the Sixes was still blown out. Salmon season ends Dec. 31 on the Sixes but continues into January on the Elk, where fish will

trickle in all winter."

Main stem Eel

The main stem was muddy as of Tuesday, but dropping quickly. Predicted to be at 1,500 cfs on the Scotia gauge by Thursday and should be fishable.

South Fork Eel

The South Fork was dirty Monday, mostly due to the muddy water coming from the East Branch at Benbow. Flows on Tuesday were right around 500 cfs. By the time it clears in the next couple days, it could be tough to drift. Haven't heard of any steelhead being caught as of yet.

Van Duzen

Flowing at just under 300 cfs on Tuesday and predicted to get below 200 cfs before the next rise. Reports have been hard to come by so far but there should be some steelhead around once it clears.

Mad

The Mad has been the place to be for winter steelhead. The river isn't plugged with fish but there are some being caught each day. Muddy conditions haven't slowed the angling pressure.

Read the complete fishing roundup at www.northcoastjournal.com.

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That new fitness tracker you got for Christmas has been urging you to get up, move around and get your heartrate going. What better way to do that than to head out to **Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park on Saturday, Jan. 2** for **Hike and Bike Day: Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway**, where you can walk, hike, ride or skate along 10 miles of forest road that's totally closed to motorized vehicles. The free event is from dawn to dusk and happens the first Saturday of every month until May. Take the kids, dogs (on leashes) and yourself for a peaceful walk through the towering old growth redwoods unencumbered by noisy vehicles.



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Another way to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and natural beauty of Humboldt is to angle for the top spot in the **Mad River Steelhead Derby**, open **Jan. 1 through March 31**. The derby awards cash and prizes for the three biggest hatchery steelhead caught. There's an adult competition and one for youth 16 and under. Catch the derby rules and info online at www.ncgasa.org. Register in person at Bucksport Sporting Goods, RMI Outdoors or online at www.ncgasa.org (\$35 adult, \$20 youth), then go fish.



Submitted

Take a tour of some of Humboldt's "**Striking Structures**" from the comfort of your home. Join local historian **Jerry Rohde** for an hour-long tour of Humboldt County houses, bridges, theaters and other "high-quality buildings" during the **Humboldt County Historical Society Program on Saturday, Jan. 2 at 2:30 p.m. on Zoom** (free). Register at www.humboldt.gov/library before Thursday, Dec. 31 at 3 p.m. to get the Zoom link.

31 Thursday

ART

ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction. 2021. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Original and limited edition local art auction open for online viewing and bidding until Jan. 31, 2021. Hosted by Carl Johnson Co. auctioneers. www.eurekachamber.com/art-biz. 442-3738.

DANCE

Dances of Brazil. 5:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Learn Brazilian dances with instructors Rocío Cristal and María Vanderhorst. All levels. Limited to five people. Register online. \$15. talavera.rocio@gmail.com.

MUSIC

James Zeller Hosts the J St. Regulars Radio Hour. 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Tune in for a heartwarming versions of classics in many genres and original tunes. Via Facebook and Instagram @creative.sanctuary. Free, donations encouraged. music@sanctuaryarcata.org. www.facebook.com/thesanctuaryarcata. (646) 245-6865.

Quarantine Sing-a-long. Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. A Facebook group to join if you like fun group singing. Song of the day posted at 3 p.m., sing starts at 7 p.m. Free. www.facebook.com/groups/quarantinesingalong.

SPOKEN WORD

The Writers Lounge via Zoom. 7:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. A writing workshop geared toward stand-up and comedy. Zoom Room: 857 4217 6054. Password: writers. Join Zoom Meeting www.us02web.zoom.us/j/85742176054?pwd=dWp4UGVqa-UVYQ0wzeKVNzZkZ0VlMzZz09.

THEATER

Puppet Slam at the Sanctuary. 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Join a cast of local puppeteers, artists and musicians for a wide-ranging evening of puppets. Watch on Facebook and YouTube (sanctuary arcata). Free. music@sanctuaryarcata.org. www.facebook.com/thesanctuaryarcata.

FOR KIDS

Fortuna Library Recorded Readings. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Hosted by the Fortuna Branch Library on its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/HumCoLibraryFortuna.

Virtual Junior Rangers. 11:30 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. North Coast Redwoods District of California State Parks offers kids' programs and activities about coast redwoods, marine protected areas and more, plus Junior Ranger Badges. Register online and watch live. www.bit.ly/NCRDVirtualJuniorRanger.

OUTDOORS

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. California State Parks' North Coast Redwoods District is broadcasting programs featuring tall trees and rugged seas from state parks via Facebook. Free. www.facebook.com/NorthCoastRedwoods.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Internet, Online. This class offers pronunciation, speaking, reading, writing, vocabulary, verb conjugations and common expressions. All levels welcome. Join anytime. Free.

www.englishexpressempowered.com.

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 1:30-2:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. SoHum Health presents classes focused on strength and mobility (Tuesday), and on relaxation and breath work (Thursday). Contact instructor Ann Constantino for online orientation. Free. annconstantino@gmail.com. www.sohumhealth.org. 923-3921.

1 Friday

ART

ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

MUSIC

James Zeller Hosts the J St. Regulars Radio Hour. 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

King Maxwell Quarantine Funk #9. 9-11 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. King Maxwell spins funk, soul, electro, disco, roller skating jams and boogie, and adds vocoder flavor. Free. arcata-soulpartycrew@gmail.com. www.youtube.com/watch?v=psTRy5HLAk.

Quarantine Sing-a-long. Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Shelter n Play. 6 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Public group on Facebook made up of locals. Open mic for all skill levels, all styles, everyone's welcome to watch or perform. Sign-ups Wednesdays at noon. www.facebook.com/groups/224856781967115.

EVENTS

The Curiosity Hour: Weekly Double Dose of Weird with Veve Decay. 8 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. An evening of strange tales, live chats and parlor games hosted by Altar Ego: Curious Art & Fashion Design. www.facebook.com/events/939880849742122.

FOR KIDS

School-age Storytime. 11 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Hosted by the Arcata Branch Library via Zoom. To sign up, email sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us or call 822-5954.

OUTDOORS

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Mad River Steelhead Derby. Runs until March 31, 6 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. The three biggest hatchery steelhead win cash and prizes from sponsors and partners. Register at Bucksport, RMI Outdoors or online. Derby fees: adult \$35, youth \$20. www.ncgasa.org.

ETC

A Call to Yarns. Noon-1 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. A weekly Zoom meetup for knitters and crocheters. Sign up using the Google form for an email invitation. Free. sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us. www.forms.gle/CkdbZSbjckZQej89. 822-5954.

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. SoHum Health presents online classes with short, high intensity cardio workouts. Contact

instructor Stephanie Finch by email for a link to the class. Free. sfinch40@gmail.com. www.sohumhealth.com.

2 Saturday

ART

ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

BOOKS

Reading in Place—An Online Reading Group. 1 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Sign up online for a Zoom meeting invite and the week's reading for discussion. www.forms.gle/zKymPvcDFDG7BJEP9.

LECTURE

Humboldt County Historical Society Program. 2:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Join local historian and amateur architectural evaluator Jerry Rohde for an hour-long tour of houses, bridges, theaters and other "Striking Structures." Via Zoom. Register at www.humboldt.gov/library before Dec. 31 at 3 p.m. Free.

MUSIC

EmrArt with James Zeller. 2-4 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Cross-platform entertainment from remote locations. James Zeller plays jazz from Arcata, and Emily Reinhart lays charcoal on birch wood in Eureka. Watch via Facebook (www.facebook.com/EmrArt) or by YouTube. Free. emily@emilyreinhart.com. www.youtube.com/channel/UC1cGc_-RErD-vHWjNBsbhIQ.

Quarantine Sing-a-long. Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

EVENTS

Club Triangle Streaming Saturdays. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Weekly online queer variety show. Submissions accepted daily. Post your art on social media and tag @clubtriangle. #coronoshebettadont. Free. www.facebook.com/clubtriangl.

FOR KIDS

Preschool Storytime. 11 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Hosted by the Arcata Branch Library via Zoom. To sign up, email sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us or call 822-5954.

FOOD

Arcata Plaza Winter Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Every Saturday, rain or shine, Humboldt County farmers gather on the plaza to share their bounty. Current COVID safety guidelines online. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. www.northcoastgrowersassociation.org. 441-9999.

OUTDOORS

Hike and Bike Day: Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway. First Saturday of every month. Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park Visitors Center, Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway, Orick. Walk, hike, ride or skate along 10 miles of forest road the first Saturday of each month through May, when the parkway closes to motorized vehicles.

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Mad River Steelhead Derby. 6 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Jan. 1 listing.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

3 Sunday

ART

ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

COMEDY

Sunday Service Comedy Open Mic: ZOOM. 5 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Virtual stage-time with Pastor Paula for aspiring comics working out sets and trying to land jokes. Five-minute sets. Join the show at www.us02web.zoom.us/j/82295455754. Zoom room: 822 9545 5754. Password: comedy.

MUSIC

Quarantine Sing-a-long. Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

OUTDOORS

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Mad River Steelhead Derby. 6 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Jan. 1 listing.

ETC

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4 Monday

ART

ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

MUSIC

James Zeller Hosts the J St. Regulars Radio Hour. 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Quarantine Sing-a-long. Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

OUTDOORS

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Mad River Steelhead Derby. 6 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Jan. 1 listing.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Jan. 1 listing.

5 Tuesday

ART

ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

COMEDY

Savage Henry's BigFish Open Mic via Zoom. 9 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Enjoy or participate in some stand-up open-mic Zoom style. Five-minute sets. Zoom: www.us02web.zoom.us/j/86421967992 Password: comedy.

MUSIC

Daniel Nickerson Hosts the J Street Regulars Radio Hour. 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Artists give a one-hour program to connect, send healing music, educate on American music history, celebrate artists of color and more. Free, donations encouraged. music@sanctuaryarcata.org. www.facebook.com/thesanctuaryarcata.

James Zeller Hosts the J St. Regulars Radio Hour. 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Quarantine Sing-a-long. Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

EVENTS

Is Technology Damaging Our Native Youth?. 3 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Two Feathers Native American Family Services' virtual forum focused on technology and its effect on Native youth. Full agenda on website and Facebook. Reserve space at www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTN7F6N. Free. www.twofeathers-nafs.org.

FOR KIDS

Tuesday Storytime with Ms. Tamara. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Posted every Tuesday on Arcata Library's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Hum-CoLibraryArcata.

MEETINGS

Local Homesharing Info Session. 1-1:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. If you have a spare bedroom and could use extra income or help around the house, Northcoast Homeshare (a program of Area 1 Agency on Aging) can connect you with a compatible housemate. Join the weekly 30-minute Zoom informational session. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. zoom.us/j/2673010045?pwd=eTJvajhXaWR4eEMwOUErQlpGZHBjZz09. 442-3763 ext. 213.

OUTDOORS

Live from Behind the Redwood Curtain. Ongoing, 3-3:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Mad River Steelhead Derby. 6 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Jan. 1 listing.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Ongoing. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 1:30-2:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

6 Wednesday

ART

ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

BOOKS

On The Same Page Book Club. 5:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Online book club that meets on the first Wednesday of the month on Zoom. Sign up using the Google form at www.forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKgqEgJk7. forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKgqEgJk7.

LECTURE

Meet the Expert. 5 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commissioner Cassandra Hesselstine interviews film industry professionals and discusses local filming. New videos posted to the commission's YouTube channel and social media. www.youtube.com/channel/UCsbPoRUx8OJlzuLCUNlBxiw.

MUSIC

James Zeller Hosts the J St. Regulars Radio Hour. 7-8 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Quarantine Sing-a-long. Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

EVENTS

The Curiosity Hour: Weekly Double Dose of Weird with Veve Decay. 8 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Jan. 1 listing.

FOR KIDS

Preschool Storytime. 11 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Jan. 2 listing.

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Reel Genius Virtual Trivia. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Create a team via Facetime, Skype, Messenger, Hangouts etc., order some food and brews from the Madrone and play while dining outdoors, or enjoying takeout at home. Invite link will be posted prior to the event. www.facebook.com/events/657139721581557.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Jan. 1 listing.

Weekly Check-in with Rep. Huffman. Noon. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Rep. Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) will hold Facebook Live check-ins to engage with his constituents on the latest updates regarding the novel coronavirus pandemic and to answer questions about the federal response. More information at www.huffman.house.gov/coronavirus. Free. www.facebook.com/rephuffman.

7 Thursday

ART

ArtBiz Virtual Online Auction. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

DANCE

Dances of Brazil. 5:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. See Dec. 31 listing.

LECTURE

Klamath Mountains Winter Webinar Series. 7 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Series sharing stories of how geology, climate, fire and water help create the biological abundance of the Klamath Mountains Register online. \$69 for the 10-part series, \$10 per class. www.backcountrypress.com/klamath/webinar-series/.

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p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Quarantine Sing-a-long. Ongoing, 7 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

SPOKEN WORD

The Writers Lounge via Zoom. 7:30 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

FOR KIDS

Fortuna Library Recorded Readings. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

Virtual Junior Rangers. 11:30 a.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. See Dec. 31 listing.

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Wonder Woman 1984

Amazon Doesn't Deliver

The soft mess of *Wonder Woman 1984*

By Rae Robison

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Although Wonder Woman first appeared in DC comics in 1941, I didn't discover her until 1975, the same time the Lynda Carter television series came on. After surviving elementary school a foot taller than every other kid and being teased mercilessly, leaving middle school a whopping 5 foot 10 inches (the same height as Carter and Gal Gadot), the only brunette among 14 blonde cousins, imagine my joy at discovering a female superhero who looked more like me than all those Barbies on the shelf? One who held her own alongside Batman and Superman and the entire Justice League? Days spent jumping off my garage roof with the neighborhood boys with my lasso on my belt, landing in that super hero crouch — you know the one, knuckles down on the ground, ready to pounce — led to a lifetime of hero worship of my favorite Amazon. As a die-hard fan, I really wanted to love *Wonder Woman 1984* but I'm not certain I'm even in like with the film. Unfortunately, the latest from Patty Jenkins was in dire need of an editor and a screenwriter with the ability to focus on telling a singular story.

While there are mixed reviews on the opening flashback to the adorable

younger Diana in competition with fellow Amazons (kudos to costume designer Lindy Hemming for finally having pants on the warriors), I have to say it's the best part of this film. It's the truest to form, in keeping with the previous *Wonder Woman*, showing a story with engaging action and not just telling us the story. Once we jump to 1984, we get clever homage to the over-the-top action films of the period, pop fashion and culture, which, of course, take place in a mall. This really comes into play as we're introduced to Maxwell Lord, played by the nearly unrecognizable Pedro Pascal, whose oily huckster takes up much of the screen time in this film. I would watch Pascal read a phone book. Of course, Gadot is mesmerizing and Chris Pine's return as Steve Trevor, playing a wide-eyed, fish-out-of-water time traveler is delightful.

So where are the problems? Apart from a few CGI glitches, there is simply too much here to tell with any success. (Now here come the spoilers.) Of *Wonder Woman*'s three main enemies, Jenkins tackled Ares in the previous film, leaving Cheetah (aka Barbara Minerva) and Circe for future films. Why then spend so much screen time on a minor foe like Maxwell Lord? It is no fault of the usually won-

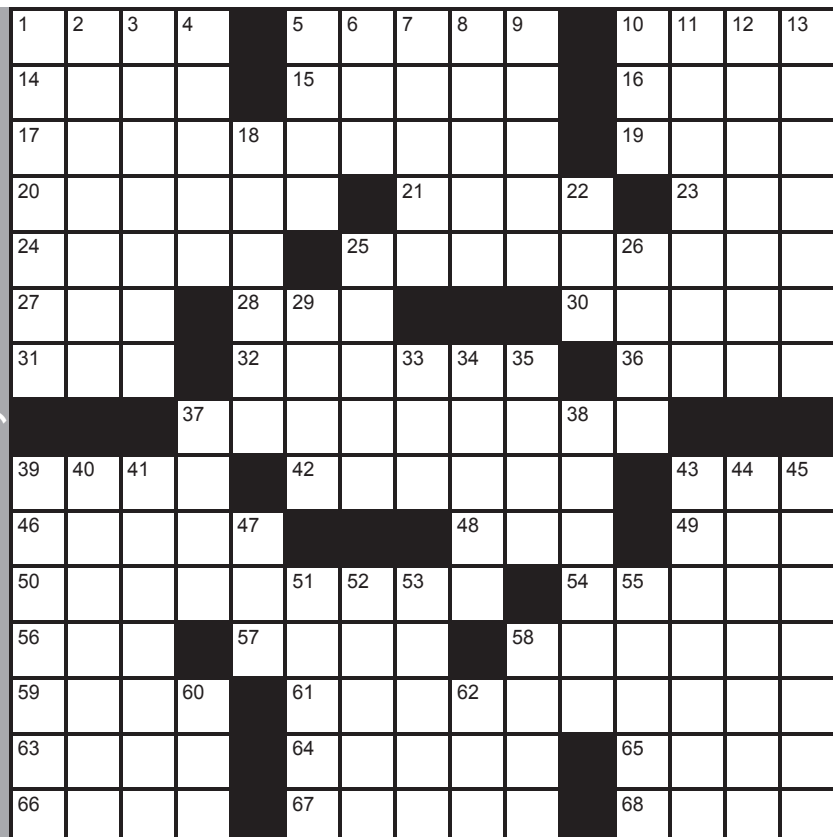
derful Kristen Wiig that the screenwriters have given her so little with which to work. By the time her transformation into the archvillain Cheetah is complete, she bears very little resemblance to the villain from the comics, looking more like a reject from last year's abysmal film adaptation of the musical *Cats*, likely named Twitchy the junkie Jellicle with mange. When their battle royale finally happens, one of too few action sequences in the film, you're ready for it to be over rather than enjoying the ride. And speaking of ride, we finally are introduced to the iconic invisible plane but the ridiculousness of its introduction and origin seem slapped together. Is it more incredulous to think that the Smithsonian keeps a fleet of airplanes on a tarmac behind the museum fully fueled with the ability to fly from Washington D.C. to Egypt, or that Diana, who has only managed to make a cup disappear is now suddenly able to magically cover an entire plane in flight, or that a pilot who flew planes 40 years before would be able to manage this modern version?

There were so many ways to make this a better film: brutal editing, fewer tropes (cue nerdy girl with glasses dropping her bag with papers in the lobby), less romance, drama and meaningful looks, and

more action throughout. It is as if Hallmark commissioned its first made-for-television action movie, saw the rough cut and asked for less spice. One final disappointment is the Easter egg following the end credits — a missed opportunity to introduce us to the next friend or foe coming to *Wonder Woman 3*. Rather than give us Nu'Bia or Circe, who could have made us forgive this muddled mess and look forward to better times, we're given a throwback and a fourth-wall-breaking wink. I won't spoil who it is but as this horrible year comes to a close, I'd rather look forward than backward.

If you still love Wonder Woman like I do, these books may help you get through until we can enjoy a new adventure: *Wonder Woman Unbound* by Tim Hanley and *The Secret History of Wonder Woman* by Jill Lepore, both of which explore the origins of Diana Prince and the unique lives and history of its trio of creators. PG13. 151M. HBOMAX.

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ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

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ACROSS

1. Turn on the waterworks
5. Passed out in Vegas
10. 1% alternative
14. Hecklephone cousin
15. Coming-out announcement
16. Unadulterated
17. 1960 film character steps up to the plate?
19. Completely missing, informally
20. Pulitzer winner Welty
21. 17 of Laila Ali's wins, for short
23. Singer DiFranco
24. Period of work
25. Country singer barely misses sinking the putt?
27. Sport _____
28. "_____ the Force, Luke!"

30. Renaissance Faire instruments
31. _____ ejemplo
32. Enrapture
36. Rodriguez of "Jane the Virgin"
37. TV news exec isn't feeling so hot?
39. Cold, to Conchita
42. Composer Rachmaninoff
43. Rain-_____ (bubble gum brand)
46. Highly successful, in theaterspeak
48. Communication means for the deaf, for short
49. Al Sharpton, e.g.: Abbr.
50. Soul singer makes bales for the barn?
54. Singles network logo with a partly outlined Star of David
56. "_____ chance!"

57. Prefix with byte or hertz
58. Mulligan
59. Faulkner's "As _____ Dying"
61. NBA star has copier problems?
63. '60s-'70s bullpen star Sparky
64. Tag
65. Garfield's housemate
66. Photo blowups: Abbr.
67. "August: _____ County" (2008 Pulitzer-winning play)
68. Loudness unit

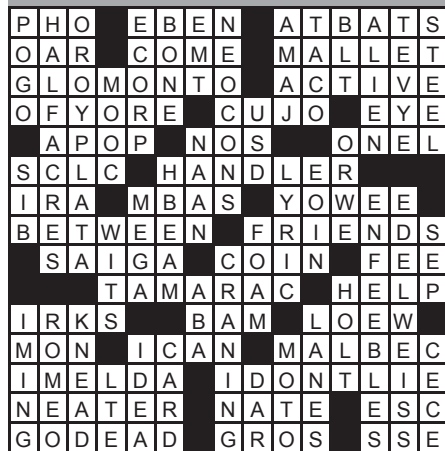
DOWN

1. Crams
2. On the verge of doing
3. More verbose
4. Zested fruit
5. Actress Meyer of

- "Saw" films
6. Diplomatic bldg.
7. Colorful marble
8. Andy Kaufman's "Taxi" role
9. Cicely with a Tony, an Oscar and three Emmys
10. Springs for a vacation?
11. Persian Gulf native
12. Triathlete
13. "Bridesmaids" actress McCarthy
18. Conductor Toscanini
22. First show to win 50 Emmys, in brief
25. Flood preventer
26. Persians, e.g.
29. Succumbs to gravity
33. Abbr. in a discount doing
34. Heroic tales
35. Gets a move on
37. Tennis star Nadal,

- to fans
38. "Get Low" rapper
39. Dangerous thing to leak
40. Calvin's babysitter in "Calvin and Hobbes"
41. "... or possibly not even that"
43. Swagger
44. 1976 Paul McCartney hit that begins "Someone's knockin' at the door"
45. Run
47. Fall mo.
51. "Um ... I'm standing right here!"
52. Environs
53. Start of a Flintstone cry
55. Karate schools
58. Hand (out)
60. "Affirmative"
62. Coffee order: Abbr.

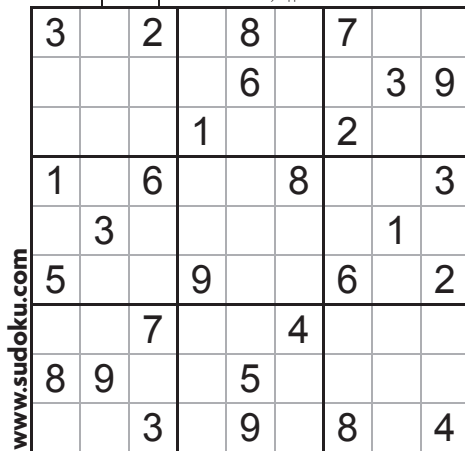
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NCJ FIELD NOTES

Charon's Obol and Other Coins

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Top: Lydian one-third stater, circa 620 B.C., worth around \$3,000 as a collector's item today. Bottom: 2019 U.S. 1-ounce \$50 Gold Eagle, worth about \$2,000.

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"My luggage is but a flask, a wallet, my old cloak and the obol that pays the passage of the departed."
— Leonidas of Tarentum, third century B.C.

Today, we take coins for granted. But there was a time when being able to trade a small disc of metal for a sheep, a bushel of corn or a night's lodging must have seemed like some sort of alchemy. The first coins, dating around 650 B.C., were minted in Lydia, the Iron Age kingdom located in present-day western Asia Minor. They were made of electrum, a naturally occurring alloy of gold and silver, like the one-third stater shown in the illustration, stamped with the royal lion. According to *The Oxford Handbook of Greek and Roman Coinage*, three of these — one stater weighed half an ounce — represented about a month's pay for a soldier. All coins used around the world today, including the dimes and quarters jangling in your pocket or purse, are descended from Lydian coinage like this, via ancient Greece and Rome.

One of the most important coins for the ancient Greeks and Romans, at least according to their myths, was "Charon's obol." Charon, the ferryman of Hades who carries the dead across the river Styx dividing the living world from the dead, demands an obol for the crossing. Which is why many skeletons found in ancient graves in the Mediterranean world are found with a coin in their mouths—traditionally an obol, or one sixth of a drachma (worth about \$10 today).

More recently in literature, crazy Captain Ahab nailed a one ounce gold "sixteen dollar piece" to the mast of the *Pequod*. "All ye mast-headers have before now heard me give orders about a white whale. Look ye! d'ye see this Spanish ounce of gold? ... Whosoever of ye raises me a white-headed whale with a wrinkled brow

and a crooked jaw ... he shall have this gold ounce, my boys!" The coin, we learn later in Melville's *Moby Dick*, is an Ecuadorian eight escudos doubloon, minted in Quito between 1838 and 1843.

Here in the States, the U.S. Mint has produced gold coins since 1795, other than a 53-year break from 1933 to 1986 as a result of the Gold Recall Act. Currently the mint produces the Gold Eagle in 1-ounce, ½-ounce, ¼-ounce and 1/10-ounce sizes. They actually weigh a little more than their specified weights, since they're 22-karat (not 24, i.e. 100-percent gold) due to the addition of silver and copper for wear-resistance.

And then (shiver!) there's the Zahir. This is the 1929 Argentine 20-centavo coin given in change to the protagonist of Jorge Luis Borges' short story *The Zahir*, whose name happens to be ... Borges. Well, it's a coin then, in 1949, but in previous incarnations the Zahir has also been: a tiger, a blind man, an astrolabe, a compass, a vein in one of the 1,200 marble pillars of the Cordoba Mosque, the bottom of a well and more. If you're already a Borges fan, this litany won't surprise you. If not, you have a treat coming. The Zahir — one of the 99 names of Allah ("The Manifest") — is "a person or an object that has the power to create an obsession in everyone who sees it, so that the affected person perceives less and less of reality and more and more of the Zahir," per Wikipedia. Borges — the fictional one, we trust — realizes that his fate is madness as he becomes completely consumed by the coin. "Others will dream that I am mad, and I [will dream] of the Zahir. When all men on earth think day and night of the Zahir, which one will be a dream and which a reality, the earth or the Zahir?" Read at your peril!

Barry Evans (barryevans9@yahoo.com) wonders why anyone would pay to get ferried over to Hades.

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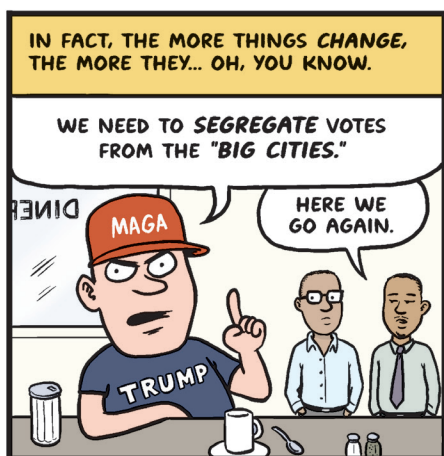
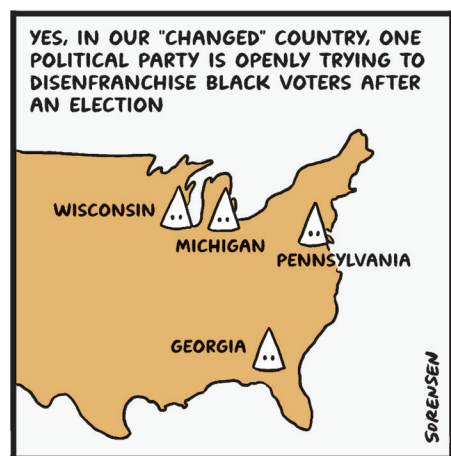
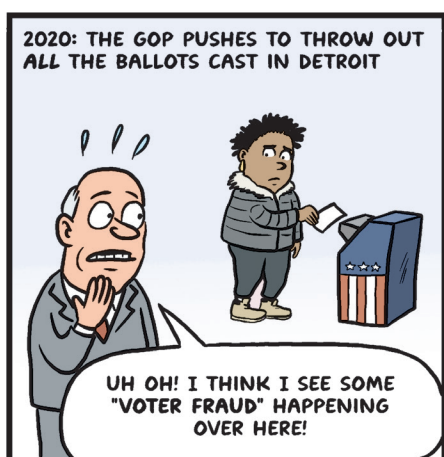
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JAMES GOLDEN TAYLOR
CASE NO. PR2000304

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JAMES GOLDEN TAYLOR, JAMES G. TAYLOR, and JAMES TAYLOR A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner HANNAH ROSE TAYLOR In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that HANNAH ROSE TAYLOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 6. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: Daniel E. Cooper Morrison, Morrison & Cooper

Filed: December 11, 2020
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

12/17, 12/24, 12/31 (20-323)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
VAL THOMAS LEONE
CASE NO. PR2000300

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VAL THOMAS LEONE A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner STEVEN KRAMER In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that STEVEN KRAMER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 6. For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/ IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate

Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: Jocelyn M. Godinho, Esq. Law Office of Hjerpe & Godinho, LLP 350 E Street, 1st Floor Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 442-7262 Filed: December 8, 2020 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

12/17, 12/24, 12/30 (20-322)

NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with the provisions of the California Uniform Commercial Code, there being due and unpaid storage and other charges related to the storage for which VALLEY WEST MOBILEHOME PARK is entitled to a lien as Warehouse on the goods hereinafter described, and due notice having been given to the parties known to claim an interest, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such charges having expired, notice is hereby given that these goods will be sold at public auction at 1091 Cedar Drive, Space 8, Arcata, California 95521 on January 11th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The following is a brief description of the property to be sold:

A 1973 Fline Mobilehome, Decal numbers(s) LAW9030, Serial Number(s) S2601594, HUD/Label/ Insignia Number(s) MH270379, 66 feet in length, 12 feet in width.

Purchase of the mobilehome and its contents by any party will require its removal from Valley West Mobilehome Park

Name of Owner: Arturo Sotomayor, Alma Sotomayor

Amount Due: \$2,418.53

Dated at Sunnyvale, California

December 29, 2020
By: JUDY C. TSAI
Attorney for Valley West MHP
710 Lakeway Drive, Suite 180
Sunnyvale, CA 94085
(408) 775-8848

12/31, 1/7 (20-334)

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at auction by competitive bidding on the 13th of January, 2021, at 9:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Rainbow Self Storage.

The following spaces are located at 4055 Broadway Eureka, CA, County

of Humboldt.

Robert Lopez-Fregoso, Space # 5103
Samuel Gonzalez, Space # 5284

The following spaces are located at 639 W. Clark Street Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Robert Manderville, Space # 2210
Yeni Lopez, Space # 3211

The following spaces are located at 3618 Jacobs Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Cheryl Smith, Space # 1117
Polly Ann Huffman, Space # 1314
Willis Alcutt, Space # 1368
Cassie Picklesimer, Space # 1395
Riley Atnip, Space # 1562
Tarren Moses, Space # 1699
Michael Sapiente, Space # 1744
Andrea Hunsucker, Space # 1777
Donavyn Johnson, Space # 1779

The following spaces are located at 105 Indianola Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Joseph Salas, Space # 202
Gary Upshaw, Space # 268
Clarence Bailey, Space # 724
Gail Turner, Space # 726
Marquis McAlister, Space # 759
Dylan Young, Space # 767
Robert Shephard, Space # 821
Chanse Zimmer-Wilder, Space # 823

Items to be sold include, but are not limited to: Household furniture, office equipment, household appliances, exercise equipment, TVs, VCR, microwave, bikes, books, misc. tools, misc. camping equipment, misc. stereo equip. misc. yard tools, misc. sports equipment, misc. kids toys, misc. fishing gear, misc. computer components, and misc. boxes and bags contents unknown.

Anyone interested in attending Rainbow Self Storage auctions must pre-qualify. For details call 707-443-1451. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All pre-qualified Bidders must sign in at 4055 Broadway Eureka CA. prior to 9:00 A.M. on the day of the auction, no exceptions. All purchased items are sold as is, where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation for any reason whatsoever. Auctioneer: Kim Santsche, Employee for Rainbow Self-Storage, 707-443-1451, Bond # 40083246.

Dated this 31st day of December, 2020 and 7th day of January, 2021

12/31, 1/7 (20-329)

SUMMONS (Citation Judicial)
CASE NUMBER: CV2001100

NOTICE TO Defendant: Margaret E. Stone, as Trustee of the Margaret E. Stone Revocable Living Trust dated September 5, 1990, AND

ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO, AND DOES 1 THROUGH 10, INCLUSIVE

You are being sued by Plaintiff: Allen Main

Notice: You have been sued. The court may decide against you without you being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for free waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center(www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. The name and address of the court is: Humboldt County Superior Court 825 Fifth Street Eureka, CA 95501 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Bradford C. Floyd (SBN 136459) Floyd Law Firm 819 Seventh Street

(707) 445-9754
Eureka, CA 95501
Date: October 14, 2020
Clerk, by Kim M. Bartleson/Shayla B.

12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14 (20-330)

SUMMONS
(Citation to Parent)
CASE NUMBER: AD2000034
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLT

CITATION TO VICTOR JAMES WELLINGTON
Free Minor From Parental Custody and Control

In the Matter of the Petition of KELLY WEHAUSEN, formerly Spreen, to Declare Khaliya Jewell Spring-Wellington, a minor, Free from the custody and Control of Victor James Wellington

To: The People of the State of California
To: VICTOR JAMES WELLINGTON, Father of Minor

By order of the court, you are hereby advised that you may appear before the Judge Gregory Elvine-Kreis, presiding in Department 6 of the Humboldt County Superior Court on March 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 6 then and there to show cause, if any you have, why Khaliya Jewell Spreen-Wellington should not be declared free from your custody and control for the purpose of freeing her for step-parent adoption.

The following information concerns your rights and procedures which relate to this proceeding for the termination of parental custody and control of Khaliya Spreen-Wellington, as set forth in California civil Code Section 237.5.

The court shall consider whether the interest of the minor child requires the appointment of counsel. If the court finds the interests of the minor do not require such protection, the court shall not appoint counsel to represent the minor. If the court finds the interests of the minor require the representation of counsel, counsel shall be appointed whether or not the minor is able to afford counsel. The minor shall not be present in court, unless the minor so requests or the court so orders.

If a parent appears without counsel and is unable to afford counsel, the court must appoint counsel for the parent, unless such representation is knowingly and intelligently waived. The same counsel shall not be appointed to represent both the minor and her parent.

The public defender or private counsel may be appointed as counsel, pursuant to Family Code Section 7860, et seq. Private counsel appointed under the provisions of Family Code Section 7863

shall receive a reasonable sum for compensation and expenses, the amount of which shall be determined by the Court. Such amount shall be paid by the real parties in interest, other than the minor, in such proportions as the court deems just. However, if the court finds any of the real parties in interest are unable to afford counsel, the amount shall be paid out of the general fund of the court.

The court may continue the proceeding for not more than thirty (30) days as necessary to appoint counsel to become acquainted with the case.

Dated: November 6, 2020
Kim M Bartleson, Clerk of the Superior Court
Kimberlyn S., Deputy

12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14 (20-328)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00600
The following person is doing Business as
REBEL STRENGTH & WELLNESS

Humboldt
2120 Bigham Court
Eureka, CA 95503

Rebel Fitness & Nutrition LLC
CA 201900110554
2120 Bigham Court
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Katie Berrey
This December 2, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 1/7 (20-324)

LEGALS?

County Public Notices

Fictitious Business

Petition to Administer Estate

Trustee Sale

Other Public Notices

classified@northcoastjournal.com

442-1400 x314

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00631
The following person is doing Business as
PUBLIC TRUST RESEARCH

Humboldt
247 Huntoon St
Eureka, CA 95501

PO Box 6770
Eureka, CA 95502

Melissa M Birch
247 Huntoon St
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Melissa M Birch, Owner
This December 22, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/31, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21 (20-333)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00611
The following person is doing Business as
THE WATER BAR

Humboldt
107 Mayfair Street
Willow Creek, CA 95573

PO Box 715
Weaverville, CA 96093

Amber E Carman
381 Masonic Lane
Weaverville, CA 96093

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Amber E Carman, Owner
This December 11, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 1/7 (20-326)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00586
The following person is doing Business as
THE COUXP

Humboldt
737 G St
Arcata, CA 95521

1080 8th St #9
Arcata, CA 95521

The Cough Corporation
CA 4652212
1080 8th St #9
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by a Corporation. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Cormac McGrady
This December 1, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14 (20-331)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00606
The following person is doing Business as
A. HARWICH CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

Humboldt
590 Guido Ave
Fortuna, CA 95540

Andrew D Harwich
590 Guido Ave
Fortuna, CA 95540

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Andrew Harwich, Owner
This December 9, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 1/7 (20-325)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00615
The following person is doing Business as
EMERALD CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION

Humboldt
460 Blue Lake Blvd
Blue Lake, CA 95525

PO Box 732
Blue Lake, CA 95525

Patrick J O'Dwyer
460 Blue Lake Blvd
Blue Lake, CA 95525

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Patrick O'Dwyer, Owner
This December 15, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
by tn, Humboldt County Clerk

12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14 (20-332)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00599
The following person is doing Business as
BOOKLEGGER

Humboldt
402 Second Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Jennifer E McFadden
114 Chartin Rd
Blue Lake, CA 95525

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Jennifer McFadden, Business Owner
This December 7, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
by th, Humboldt County Clerk

12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 1/7 (20-321)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00578
The following person is doing Business as
METAPHYSICAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

Humboldt
4779 Valley East Blvd, Ste 2
Arcata, CA 95521

PO Box 4505
Arcata, CA 95518

Wisdom of the Heart Church
CA A0689580
4779 Valley East Blvd, Ste 2
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by a Corporation. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Christine Breese, CEO
This November 24, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31 (20-316)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00607
The following person is doing Business as
DELTA MATTRESS AND SOFA OUTLET STORE

Humboldt
705 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Rodney J Anderson
200 Cummins Ln.
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Paula G Anderson
200 Cummins Ln.
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Rodney Anderson, Owner
This December 11, 2020
KELLY E. SANDERS
by tn, Humboldt County Clerk

12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14 (20-327)

THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IS CURRENTLY SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR AN OPEN BOARD SEAT IN TRUSTEE AREA 5*.

*The County Board is in the process of appointing a new board member to the County Board of Education.

The vacancy is in Supervisory District 5.

Trustee Area 5 consists of the area north of the Mad River Bridge on Highway 101, including McKinleyville, Fieldbrook, Trinidad, Westhaven, Big Lagoon, Orick, and north to the Del Norte County border. The mouth of the Mad River is in the Fifth District. To the east on Highway 299, the district includes Blue Lake, Korbelt, Willow Creek, and communities to the Trinity County border. To the northeast on Highway 96 to the Siskiyou County border, the district includes Hoopa, Weitchpec and Orleans.

School Districts: Arcata, Big Lagoon, Blue Lake, Green Point, Fieldbrook, Klamath-Trinity, Maple Creek, McKinleyville, Northern Humboldt, Orick, Pacific Union, Trinidad

An eligible candidate must reside in Trustee Area 5 and be a citizen of California, at least 18 years old, a registered voter, and not employed by the Humboldt County Office of Education.

If interested, please submit a letter explaining interest in serving on the Board along with a brief resume of qualifications to serve. The letter and resume must be received by Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools, Chris Hartley, Ed.D., Humboldt County Office of Education, 901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501 no later than 3:00 p.m. January 11, 2021.

Eligible applicants will be interviewed at the public meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education January 13, at 3:00 p.m. Each applicant will be asked to make a personal statement and answer questions from the Board. The successful applicant will be seated at the Board of Education meeting February 10, 2021 and the term runs through November 2022 .

For more information, please contact Hannah Gossi at (707) 445-7030 or hgossi@hcoe.org

Prior to applying, please verify residency by contacting the Humboldt County Elections Office at (707) 445-7481 or 2426 6th Street, Eureka.

Chris Hartley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Submit your Calendar Events

ONLINE or by E-MAIL @ northcoastjournal.com / calendar@northcoastjournal.com

PRINT DEADLINE: Noon Thursday, the week before publication

Free Will Astrology

Week of Dec. 31, 2020

By Rob Breznsy

freewillastrology@freewillastrology.com

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Author Jorge Luis Borges (1899–1986) carried on a long love affair with books. He read thousands of them, wrote more than 20 of them, and further postulated the existence of numerous imaginary books that were never actually written. Of all the writers who roused his adoration, a certain Russian novelist was among the most beloved. Borges wrote, “Like the discovery of love, like the discovery of the sea, the discovery of Fyodor Dostoevsky marks an important date in one’s life.” I’m wondering if you will experience one of these pivotal discoveries in 2021. I strongly suspect so. It may not be the work of Dostoevsky, but I bet it will have an impact close to those of your original discoveries of love and the sea.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Vietnamese-American novelist Viet Thanh Nguyen has won numerous awards for his work, including the Pulitzer Prize. Here are his views about the nature of accomplishment: “We don’t succeed or fail because of fortune or luck. We succeed because we understand the way the world works and what we have to do. We fail because others understand this better than we do.” I bring these thoughts to your attention, Taurus, because I think that in 2021 you will have an extraordinary potential to enhance your understanding of how the world works and what you must do to take advantage of that. This could be the year you become both smarter and wiser.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Modern civilization has not spread to every corner of the planet. There are at least 100 tribes that inhabit their own private realms, isolated from the invasive sprawl of our manic, frantic influence. Among these enclaves, many are in the Amazon rain forests, West Papua, and the Andaman Islands. I have a theory that many of us civilized people would love to nurture inner qualities akin to those expressed by indigenous people: hidden away from the mad world; content to be free of the noise and frenzy; and living in attunement with natural rhythms. In 2021, I hope you will give special care and attention to cultivating this part of you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Hurricane Maria struck the Caribbean island of Dominica in 2016. Scientists studied two local species of anole lizards both before and after the natural disaster. They were amazed to find that the lizards after the hurricane had super-strong grips compared to their predecessors. The creatures were better able to hold on to rocks and perches so as to avoid being swept away by high winds. The researchers’ conclusion? It’s an example of one of the most rapid rates of evolutionary change ever recorded. I bring this to your attention, Cancerian, because I suspect that you, too, will have the power to evolve and transform at an expedited pace in 2021—in response to positive events as much as to challenging events.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): I hope that in 2021 you will spend a lot of time meditating on your strongest longings. Are they in harmony with your highest ideals, or not? Do they energize you or drain you? Are they healthy and holy, or are they unhealthy or unholy—or somewhere in between those two extremes? You’ll be wise to re-evaluate all your burning, churning yearnings, Leo—and decide which ones are in most righteous service to your life goals. And as for those that are in fact noble and liberating and invigorating: Nurture them with all your tender ingenuity!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): “You can’t move mountains by whispering at them,” says singer-songwriter Pink. Strictly speaking, you can’t move mountains by shouting at them, either. But in a metaphorical sense, Pink is exactly right. Mild-mannered, low-key requests are not likely to precipitate movement in obstacles that resemble solid rock. And that’s my oracle for you in the coming months, Virgo. As you carry out the project of relocating or crumbling a certain mountain, be robust and spirited—and, if necessary, very loud.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In his masterpiece the *Mona Lisa*, Leonardo da Vinci applied 30 layers of paint that were no thicker than a single human hair. Can you imagine the patience and concentration that required? I’m going to propose that you be inspired by his approach as you carry out your big projects in the coming year. I think you will have the potential to create at least one labor of love that’s monumentally subtle and soulful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Climate change is proceeding with such speed in central Mexico that entire forests are in danger of perishing. In the hills near Ejido La Mesa, for instance, the weather is getting too hot for the fir trees that shelter millions of monarch butterflies every fall. In response, local people have joined with scientists to physically move the fir forest to a higher, cooler elevation. What might be your personal equivalent, Scorpio: an ambitious plan to carry out an idealistic yet practical project? According to my analysis of your astrological potentials, you’ll have a lot of energy to work on such a scheme in 2021.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Author Gérard de Nerval (1808–1855) made the following observation: “I do not ask of God that he should change anything in events themselves, but that he should change me in regard to things, so that I might have the power to create my own universe, to govern my dreams, instead of enduring them.” If you have a relationship with the Divine Wow, that will be a perfect prayer for you to say on a regular basis in 2021. If you don’t have a connection to the Supreme Intelligence, I suggest you address the same prayer to your Higher Self or Future Beauty or whatever source of sublime inspiration you hold most dear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The mathematically oriented website WaitButWhy.com says that the odds of winning a mega lottery can be compared to this scenario: You know that a certain hedgehog will sneeze just one time in the next six years, and you place a big bet that this sneeze will take place at exactly the 36th second of 12:05 pm next January 20. In other words, WaitButWhy.com declares, your chances of winning that lottery are very small. But while their analysis is true in general, it may not be completely applicable to you in 2021. The likelihood of you choosing the precise moment for the hedgehog’s sneeze will be higher than usual. More realistically and importantly, your chances for generating positive financial luck through hard work and foresight will be much higher than usual.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Author Anais Nin was supremely adaptable, eager to keep growing, and receptive when life nudged her to leave the past behind and expand her understanding. At the same time, she was clear about what she wanted and determined to get what she wanted. Her complex attitude is summed up in the following quote: “If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is compromise.” I hope you will heed her counsel throughout 2021. (Here’s another quote from Nin: “Had I not created my whole world, I would certainly have died in other people’s.”)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): In 2013, workers at a clothing manufacturing plant in Gazipur, Bangladesh staged a mass protest. Did they demand a pay raise or better health benefits? Were they lobbying for air conditioning or longer lunch breaks? None of the above. In fact, they had just one urgent stipulation: to dispel the ghost that was haunting the factory. I’ve got a similar entreaty for you in 2021, Pisces. I request that you exorcise any and all ghosts that have been preventing you from fully welcoming in and embracing the future. These ghosts may be purely metaphorical in nature, but you still need to be forceful in banishing them. ●

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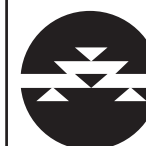
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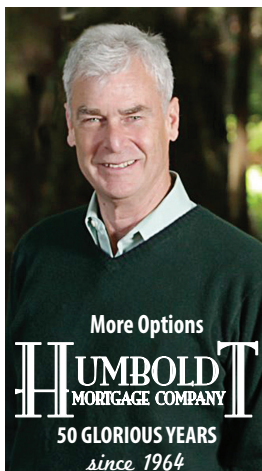
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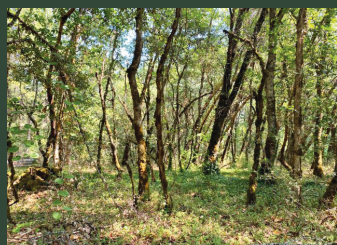


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